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Three allegations related to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's "neglect of duty" cleared the Special Committee on Impeachment and can be acted on by the full House but one of the four absent panel members aligned with the governor said the voting yesterday "meant nothing" unless pro-impeachment House members get at least 14 affirmative votes from the 20-member House.

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» **Fitial administration 'cautions' lawmakers**

House leadership members did not show up at yesterday's scheduled meeting with their Senate counterparts to work on a \$114 million budget bill for fiscal year 2013, only a day after what they described as a "productive" initial meeting that reached a compromise on the Judiciary and Legislature's budgets.

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High hopes for Tinian hosting more military exercises

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With yet another successful U.S. Marines training under its belt, Tinian looks forward to hosting more military exercises not only for U.S. troops but also its allies at a time when the U.S. Air Force is deliberating on whether to put a divert base on Saipan or Tinian.

Don Farrell, a CNMI historian, said the

original plan for Tinian in 1975 to serve as a multi-service training base "was the right idea" and it is "still the right idea."

"I had no doubt that sooner or later we would see Japanese troops on Tinian working with Marines. The Covenant was created on the fundamental principle of providing a fallback base for the Marines on Okinawa—on sovereign American soil—when it reverted to Japanese sovereignty. It has taken longer than ex-

pected, but it is not unexpected," Farrell told *Saipan Tribune*.

Tinian had expected Japanese Self-Defense Force ground troops to actually take part in the certification exercise; nevertheless, Japanese military officers were observing the exercise and a platoon was in a nearby ship.

Twelve amphibious tracked vehicles carrying some 130 U.S. Marines from the

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Members of the III U.S. Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Okinawa, Japan position themselves behind a smoke grenade to "seize control" of an airfield from "enemies" as part of a certification exercise on Wednesday at North Field on Tinian.

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Guam tax lawyer named as Fund trustee *ad litem*

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REPORTER

A tax lawyer in Guam was appointed yesterday to serve as trustee *ad litem* for the NMI Retirement Fund.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood said the law firm of Civile and Tang will serve as trustee *ad litem* and that Joseph C. Razzano will serve as the principal representative for the trustee *ad litem*.

Razzano is a member of the Civile and Tang law firm in Guam.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that Razzano will arrive on Saipan on Monday to meet with the Fund's staff and counsel as well as Fund stakeholders.

Razzano will decide who will serve as the acting Fund administrator.

Tydingco-Gatewood appointed the trustee *ad litem* for the Fund and its board so it could participate in the litigation.

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Local

NMC, new foundation board eyes MOU to map out goals

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A memorandum of understanding between the Northern Marianas College and members of a

newly formed foundation working for the institution will soon be inked to clearly spell out the specific goals of the new group, according to president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

The new NMC Foundation was recently formed to help the college raise funds for its needs and priorities.

This new foundation and its board will function entirely

separate from the existing NMC Foundation, which, according to Hart, primarily deals with federal monies that the college receives from an endowment fund.

Hart said the new foundation

will play an important role for the college because it will find and search badly needed funds for the college.

Unlike the existing NMC Foundation, where donors may be subjected to public disclosure and legislative inquiries, supporters and sponsors of the new foundation will be accorded confidentiality in their donation to the college.

The president said this is because most donors in big foundations wish to remain anonymous. As such, the new foundation's transaction will be kept from the public's eye.

"Those foundations are so much better in raising money because donors know that what they're doing is confidential and many donors want to remain in that level," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Hart, the newly formed foundation is in the process of completing some requirements, including the creation of its bylaws.

In an interview with NMC

Foundation chair Dr. Alan Markoff last month, he told *Saipan Tribune* that the existing board is for the organization and support for NMC, while the new board will strictly focus on fundraising for the college. This idea was patterned after the current structure of the University of Guam.

The Foundation board recently approved a short-term consultancy contract for Strategies for Philanthropy amounting to around \$8,000. This company is owned by Steven West, Hart's husband.

Markoff said the goal of forming a new foundation board and tapping consultancy service is to "engage more people" in the business sector to support the college.

Despite the two boards, Markoff sees no conflict or overlapping of functions because of their different duties.

Ten to 15 members are being eyed for the composition of the new board.

Hart is an ex-officio member of the old NMC Foundation. She has no voting rights.



HISTORIC ASSEMBLY

Members and officials of both the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents and State Board of Education gather for a group photo after their historic joint meeting Thursday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. In the first joint assembly, an ad-hoc panel was formed tasked to identify areas where the two boards can work together.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Woman accused of attacking ex pleads guilty

A woman accused of assaulting her former boyfriend with a car jack and pulling the hair of his girlfriend at a house in San Vicente has pleaded guilty.

Jeanette Awas, 32, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and was sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended except for three days. She was given credit for the 50 days she has already served in jail.

The Office of the Attorney General originally charged Awas with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and

battery, and disturbing the peace for alleged violent acts committed against her ex-boyfriend. The OAG later excluded these charges because he was deported to the Philippines on July 20, 2012.

The amended information retained the charges of assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace against Awas with respect to the female victim.

Awas pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dismissed.

Police investigation showed

that the ex-boyfriend was inside his house in San Vicente with his girlfriend on Feb. 28, 2012, when Awas entered, confronted the girlfriend, and pulled her hair.

The former boyfriend tried to stop Awas. As the girlfriend was calling 911 for help, Awas grabbed it, causing it to fall and break.

Awas also hit her former boyfriend with a car jack all over his body, resulting in scratches on his right arm and pain all over his body.

Besides her prison sentence, Awas was placed on probation for one year and is barred from drinking any alcoholic beverages in that period. She was ordered to pay a \$100 probation fee, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$25 fine. She was also directed to complete 240 hours of community service and pay the replacement cost of the woman's cell phone, worth about \$200.

Awas was ordered to submit to an examination focusing on anger management and alcohol/substance abuse at the Community Guidance Center. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

NMC hires more instructors

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The Northern Marianas College has hired two instructors that will handle subjects related to criminal justice and sciences, math, health, and athletics.

Zerlyn Taimanao, the new instructor and coordinator for the criminal justice program, will manage the program's administrative operations,

recruit adjunct faculty, enhance the program's effectiveness, as well as coordinate training activities with the Public Safety Department and other public and private organizations.

Taimanao earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice administration from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii. Prior to joining NMC, she worked as the Program and Housing Division manager at the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. She also worked as chief enforcement officer for the Coastal Resource Management Office, where she spearheaded the Environmental Enforcement Task Force Division and was responsible for program planning, organization, and training.

Matthew Ryan Crane is the newest instructor at the Sciences, Math, Health, and Athletics Department. He will be

teaching a variety of courses, including physical science, general chemistry, and basic microbiology.

Crane earned his bachelor's degree in biological science from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, and his master's degree in marine and fisheries science from the University of Aberdeen in Aberdeen, Scotland.

His previous work experience includes senior aquarist at the New Zealand Marine Studies Center,

where he was responsible for animal and exhibit care, managing staff and administrative budgets and developing new exhibits. He also worked as an aquaculture technician at the Center for Aquaculture Research and Development at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida. In this capacity, Crane was responsible for the daily care of systems and fish stocks, devising protocols for fish and system care, and assisting with field work.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Zerlyn and Matthew to NMC. Both of them have extensive professional backgrounds and strong educational credentials and will make excellent additions to an already dynamic team of instructors at NMC," said NMC dean of Academic Programs and Services Barbara Merfalen.



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9th Circuit: District court abused discretion in tax suit

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has ruled that the federal court abused its discretion in ordering a government representative to appear in person for an initial settlement conference in business-

man John K. Baldwin's \$5-million federal tax refund lawsuit against the United States.

"We acknowledge the district court's intention to create a conducive environment for settlement discussions but, at this stage of this case, where there has been no record of dilatory or evasive tactics by either

party, the district court's orders were not justified," said Circuit Judge Richard R. Clifton in his opinion concurred by judges Mary M. Schroeder and Edward Leavy.

The Ninth Circuit judges directed the U.S. District Court for the NMI to vacate its orders that effectively required a per-

son with full settlement authority attend the settlement conference in Baldwin's lawsuit.

Senior Judge Alex R. Munson had denied the U.S. government's motion to excuse it from the requirement that person with full settlement authority attend the settlement conference in Baldwin's lawsuit. He had said

that in 29 years of facilitating settlement negotiations, he has never brought about a settlement agreement without having present on each side a person with full authority to reflect such an agreement.

Deputy assistant attorney general Tamara W. Ashford petitioned the Ninth Circuit to order the district court to vacate its orders.

In the petition, Ashford said the orders raise the issue of whether the District Court has the authority to direct the United States, its agencies, or its officers to appear in their official capacities at routine settlement conferences through a high-level official who has full settlement authority over the claim in dispute.

Ashford said the orders also raise the issue whether, if such authority exists, it has been abused under the circumstances of this case.

In their opinion, the Ninth Circuit judges concluded that the district court has the authority to require a high-level official to participate in a settlement conference in appropriate circumstances, but in the circumstances in this case, the court's order constituted an abuse of discretion.

The Circuit judges said the government reported to them that, as of Jan. 9, 2012, the Tax Division had 549 civil cases pending in which the amount in

controversy exceeded \$2 million (exclusive of interest)—the current case being one of them.

The government, the Circuit judges said, further reported that the Tax Division receives a new civil case involving more than \$2 million, on average, every third business day.

The Circuit judges said the assistant attorney general is the lowest-ranking government official with authority to settle those claims under the DOJ's regulations.

For the assistant attorney general to prepare for and appear at all settlement conferences for all of those cases would be highly impractical, if not physically impossible, said the Circuit judges.

As it was the first conference to be held in the case, the court did not have a basis to conclude that the direct involvement of the critical decision-maker for the federal government was needed to achieve a settlement, they said.

"We do not say the first settlement conference in a case is unimportant and that parties should be free to take it lightly," the judges said.

The Circuit judges said the government reports that the Tax Division has settled thousands of cases without high-ranking officers personally attending settlement conferences, and that they have no reason to doubt that representation.

China media group explores Saipan, Rota

Fourteen media and travel trade reps spent the better part of a week in the Northern Mariana Islands exploring the tropical allure of Saipan and Rota.

The familiarization tour group arrived on Saipan on Sept. 3, 2012, for a fact-finding visit. The group included representatives of Shanghai CYTS Tours Corp., CITS Group Shanghai Co., Shanghai Times, Elite Traveler, Traveler Celebrity, Century Tours, Shanghai CTRIP Intl Travel Service, Shanghai Greenment, Tourism Solutions Delivery and travel blogspots weibo.com/ybb2010, ivmama.com (Joya), ctrip.com, blog.sina.com.cn/annieyu2010, and tuniu.com.

"This FAM tour from our China market is the first of hopefully many to be organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority's new China office, and we expect big results in terms of market growth," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "For example, just one of the bloggers who came has 180,000 followers on Sina Weibo. That's a tremendous outreach opportunity to gain the attention of potential travelers."

Sina Weibo is China's most popular microblogging website and is similar to Twitter or Facebook but geared for the Chinese marketplace.

While on Saipan, the group

Federal grand jury indicts alleged brain behind birth tourism scheme

A federal grand jury indicted yesterday a man who allegedly devised a scheme using articles he created on the Internet to encourage Chinese nationals to come to Saipan to give birth to U.S. citizen children.

The indictment charged Kuanyi Chen, also known as Pangzi, with five counts of encouraging illegal entry of aliens for financial gain, five counts of harboring aliens for financial gain, and five counts of illegal transportation of aliens for financial gain.

According to the indictment, from February 2012 to August 2012, Chen induced five aliens—Rongqin Gao, Qingqing Wang, Min Gong, Yuze Li, and Shuang Wen—to enter Saipan to give birth here, in exchange for payment.

The defendant allegedly concealed, harbored and shielded the five from authorities' detection.

Federal agents arrested the



Visiting media and travel agency reps show their enthusiasm about the Northern Marianas during their FAM (familiarization) tour of Saipan and Rota on Sept. 2-7, 2012.

visited Managaha, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, DFS Galleria, and the Fiesta Resort & Spa dinner show. They also did hotel inspections of Pacific Islands Club Saipan and Hyatt Regency Saipan, with special emphasis on wedding amenities. While on Saipan, they also squeezed in an island tour and an all-terrain vehicle tour.

On Sept. 5, the group traveled to Rota, where they had an island tour and also conducted a hotel inspection.

39-year-old Chen on Aug. 25 after the U.S. government filed a criminal complaint charging him with one count of harboring illegal aliens, and two counts of enticing the illegal entry of aliens over the same allegations.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent Michael D. Lansangan stated in his report that Chen, a Saipan resident and citizen of Taiwan, is involved in the recruitment and facilitation of travel, housing and other services for Chinese citizens who travel to Saipan from China for the purpose of giving birth to U.S. citizen children.

Lansangan said Chen provides services and consultation to Chinese families for a fee, despite having knowledge that these aliens intend to violate their parole and misrepresent their intentions for entering Saipan. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

The group lodged at Fiesta Resort and Rota Resort & Country Club during their visit. *(MVA)*

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MILITARY

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III Marine Expeditionary Unit out of Okinawa, Japan left Tinian yesterday after the exercise.

The III MEU Special Operations Training Group led by Maj. Jonathan Bossie, which arrived on Tinian on Sept. 6 with some 65 Marines, will also start clearing out of Tinian today.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has long advocated for U.S. forces to use Tinian for its intended purposes under the

technical lease agreement between the Commonwealth and the United States, press secretary Angel Demapan said.

“The Fitial administration is pleased to see that there has been significant increase of military activity in the municipality. While it is a major step in the direction of honoring the agreement between the local and federal government, the influx of personnel on the ground also proves beneficial to the economic activity in the municipality,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

“The governor remains hopeful that soon enough the U.S. government will

make whole of the terms and conditions it agreed upon when the lease agreement was first signed.

“The people of Tinian, most especially, were promised significant military presence through the construction of a base and more importantly, much needed jobs for the residents of Tinian. The Fitial administration desires to see these promises fulfilled as the United States moves forward with its military realignment plans in the region,” Demapan added.

Farrell said there are two critical factors holding up the full use of Tinian as

a military base and as a viable private-sector economic entity: the harbor and the airport that are “fundamental, essential, infrastructure for any kind of economic development.”

“The airport should have been completed years ago to accommodate the casino industry, particularly after the Dynasty was constructed. The CNMI has lost millions of dollars in revenue because it has not been completed. The Tinian leadership is now moving forward with repairs to the harbor dock. The remaining factor is the breakwater. The question is, as always, who will

pay: the people of Tinian, the people of the CNMI, the Department of the Interior or the Department of Defense? This military exercise, along with the Geiger Forager in December, will certainly influence that decision,” Farrell said.

Another MAG-12 exercise is scheduled by the end of the year.

Two-thirds of Tinian is leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Tinian was the launching pad for the two atomic bombs that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, hastening the end of the war.

GUAM

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tion of a class action lawsuit filed by Betty Johnson.

The judge made the appointment by invoking the court’s broad equitable powers and its authority under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and after examining the qualifications of proposed candidates, reviewing the candidates for conflict of interest, and conducting interviews of the candidates.

She said a few Saipan attorneys were

nominated for the position but unfortunately all have conflicts.

In a written order issued yesterday, Tydingco-Gatewood said the trustee *ad litem* shall have the authority, powers and duties required and necessary over the “person” of the Fund to act on all matters that require board action including the following:

- To sue and be sued in the corporate name, and to direct any and all litigation in which the Fund is a party, and to retain counsel to represent it in such matters;

- To appoint an administrator or

acting administrator to be the chief executive officer of the Fund and to direct the administrator to carry out the policy decisions of the trustee *ad litem*. The administrator shall be appointed by the trustee *ad litem* with the concurrence of the court. The administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the trustee *ad litem*.

- To consider and concur or decline to concur with requests of the governor to exempt individual retirees from the prohibition on re-employment by the government of members receiving retirement benefits from

the Fund.

- To consider recommended decisions of the Fund’s administrative hearing officers on matters of appeal of adverse decisions of the administrator, and to accept, modify or reject such recommended decisions to create a final agency action, appealable to the CNMI Superior Court.

- To report to the U.S. District Court periodically on the execution of these functions and to seek the authority of the court to carry out any additional functions performed by the Fund board.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the term of the trustee *ad litem* shall be for the period needed to complete the litigation unless the trustee *ad litem* recommends that the position is no longer necessary or requests to be relieved or is otherwise terminated by the court.

No lawsuit shall be filed against the trustee *ad litem* without the court’s consent.

The judge said the CNMI government shall pay for the salary and expenses of the trustee *ad litem* and all persons or entities employed or contracted by the trustee *ad litem*.

WARNING

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House leadership members of the Special Committee on Impeachment also snubbed yesterday’s meeting of the panel.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is cautioning lawmakers against not passing a balanced budget on time, press secretary Angel Demapan said.

“The governor also cautions the Legislature to keep in mind that we are nearing the budget deadline and the consequence of a government shutdown in the event that the Legislature fails to pass a balanced budget on time,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said despite the distraction that will come out as a result of the Special

Committee on Impeachment meetings, “Governor Fitial remains committed to addressing the real and more pressing matters of the Commonwealth.”

The Legislature and the administration have only until Sept. 30 to pass and enact a budget bill into law. Failure to do so would force the government to shut down starting Oct. 1 and until a budget is in place.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said having the House leadership members snubbing an agreed-upon meeting of the budget conference committee “is a warning sign of a possible shutdown.”

He said with time ticking, committee members should not waste any single day to meet and reach compromise on the budget bill.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) confirmed

that only Senate conferees showed up, and none from the House conferees—Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), and vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan).

On Thursday, all the House and Senate conferees agreed to meet at 9am Friday.

Basa, the lead conferee from the House, “requested” Friday morning that the 9am meeting be rescheduled for 1:30pm, which the Senate conferees accepted.

But at 1:30pm and onwards, none of the House conferees showed up.

“Time is ticking and time is of the essence. I told chairman Basa that if we do not meet the time to address the budget, then imminent shutdown is on the way,” Taimanao said.

Basa, in a phone interview, said he, Cabrera, and Ogumoro met yesterday morning. He said he then proceeded to meet with some government agencies to discuss budget matters, including the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Zoning Office, and the Saipan Mayor’s Office.

“I didn’t snub the meeting. I asked for a rescheduling of the morning meeting,” he said, adding that it turned out, he needed more time to finish his meetings so he wasn’t able to show up at the afternoon meeting either. Information as to why Cabrera and Ogumoro didn’t show up was not available as of press time.

Basa also pointed out that he was still waiting for figures he requested from Finance, specifically on the expenditures of the First (Rota) and Second (Tinian) Senatorial Districts.

Taimanao said she was hoping that the whole conference committee would be able to work on the budget yesterday and even today, so that by early next week, they would be able to come up with a draft conference committee budget bill that the full House and Senate could act on.

Basa and Taimanao separately said the conferees were able to agree on the budgets of the Judiciary and the Legislature on Thursday.

In their next meeting, they would be discussing the budgets of the Executive Branch, independent agencies, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota municipalities.

In 2010, the government was forced to shut down for some two weeks and left over 1,000 government employees temporarily jobless because the House and Senate were deadlocked on a budget bill.

NEGLECT

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Fitial can be impeached by the House and convicted by the Senate on any one of the 16 articles of impeachment listed in the milestone House Resolution 17-111.

The House minority bloc’s impeachment resolution listed five acts of corruption, seven acts of neglect of duty, and four commissions of felonies.

By a vote of 4-0, the Special Committee on Impeachment adopted Articles 12, 13 and 14—all related to neglect of duty—for failure to appoint a Supreme Court chief justice from October 2011 to the pre-filing of the resolution on Aug. 27, and for failure to appoint members of the Civil Service Commission from March 2006 until July 2012, and the Public Utilities Commission from September 2011 until March 2012.

Those who voted to adopt the three articles of impeachment yesterday were Special Committee on Impeachment chair Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan).

‘Appalled’

Absent without a notice to the panel chair were vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan).

Concerned citizen Glen Hunter said

yesterday he’s “so appalled” that four members “would so blatantly abrogate their duties as our representatives.”

“If they could not take the time or put aside the time to attend such monumental committee meetings, why did they accept the nomination to the committee in the first place? If it was merely to throw a wrench into the system and attempt to delay the process, they should step down and ask the speaker to appoint other members to fill their voids,” Hunter told *Saipan Tribune*.

Former lieutenant governor and speaker Diego Benavente said yesterday that three to four months ago, he called on Fitial to resign or he will be impeached. Around the same time, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) also called on Fitial to step down and give way to Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

‘Not a remedy’

Committee chair Deleon Guerrero said that Fitial’s appointment of acting chief justice Alexandro Castro as chief justice on Thursday does not “remedy” the allegation.

Deleon Guerrero, who is also the House minority bloc leader and main author of the impeachment resolution, said the three adopted articles are “irrefutable” and do not need further investigation.

“The law says the governor has 90 days to appoint those members [to the Civil Service Commission and PUC]. The governor exceeded the 90 days. And I don’t think any further evidence is needed or need to be investigated by this com-

mittee to prove that. It’s clear cut as Rep. Dela Cruz mentioned,” Deleon Guerrero told reporters after the meeting went into recess at past 11am yesterday.

Dela Cruz made the motion to adopt the three articles.

Questioned decisions

Torres, in a separate interview yesterday afternoon, said he and the three other leadership members do not recognize the voting that was made by the four minority members.

Torres questioned the voting. “How can you say it was adopted when there’s no majority or 50 percent plus one vote among eight members?” Torres asked.

But the Rules of Procedure that the special committee—including Ogumoro and Fred Deleon Guerrero—adopted on Thursday were clear on the issue of voting.

“Committee action shall be taken by a vote of the majority of the committee members present and voting,” the adopted rules state.

Torres, who was also absent on Thursday when the rules were adopted, insisted that the committee got “bad” legal advice.

“You can quote me on this. They got bad legal advice,” Torres added.

He said the pro-impeachment lawmakers would have a hard time getting at least 14 affirmative votes when the articles of impeachment come up for full House action. When that time comes, he said there should be “at least 14 yes votes or two-thirds of 20 members” regardless

of how many are present and voting.

At least six “yes” votes in the nine-member Senate are needed to convict the governor.

So far, only eight have gone on record saying they would vote “yes” to the impeachment resolution.

Waiting

Rep. Joe Deleon Guerrero and the three other members of the special committee waited for their leadership counterparts to show up at the scheduled 9am meeting yesterday.

Despite the no-show by the lawmakers aligned with the governor, the four minority members went ahead with the meeting, saying they only need three members to have a quorum.

Deleon Guerrero said he didn’t get any notification from the four members that they won’t be able to attend the meeting.

He said he knew that Palacios was in Guam.

Deleon Guerrero said he didn’t also get any notification from Ogumoro and Torres. He said he met with a staffer from Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero’s office, saying the lawmaker was on his way but he didn’t show up even after the committee went on recess at past 11am.

Deleon Guerrero said they will create subcommittees when the committee meets on Monday.

If the leadership members don’t show up again, he said there might not be a need to create subcommittees and just “deal with the articles as a whole committee.”

Deleon Guerrero said he would ask the leadership members if they are still willing to participate or not.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) appointed all the eight members—four from the leadership and four from the minority bloc. None of the appointees declined the appointments.

“I think in all fairness to the other members that were not present, I’m going to ask them if they’re still willing to participate. And if they are, they should show up and attend the meetings. If not, they can ask the speaker to be replaced,” Deleon Guerrero said.

This is the first time in CNMI history that an impeachment resolution has been introduced and reviewed by a special committee.

Among the issues listed in the impeachment allegations are connected to a no-bid, 25-year power purchase agreement with a guaranteed cost of \$190.8-million, the temporary release of a federal inmate to give the governor a massage in January 2010, the use of armed police and ports police officers to escort and allegedly shield an attorney general from being served a penal summons for criminal charges, and the award of an almost \$400,000 ARRA management contract to a person who just resigned as Commerce secretary.

Tomorrow, there would be separate anti- and pro-impeachment rallies. The “Fitial Must Go” rally would be at the Microl intersection from 10:30am to 4:30pm, while the “We Support Fitial” rally would be at or near the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe from 10am to 4:30pm.

17 immigrants to naturalize on Saipan

On Monday, Sept. 17, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Saipan will welcome 17 new U.S. citizens during a special naturalization ceremony as part of USCIS'

annual celebration of Constitution and Citizenship Days.

USCIS Immigration Services Officer Diane Zedde will present the candidates to the U.S.

District Court for the NMI and Chief Judge Ramona Villagomez Manglona will administer the Oath of Allegiance to America's newest citizens at the U.S.

District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Manglona invited students from the Public School System to observe this special ceremony on Citizen-

ship Day.

The 17 soon-to-be citizens range in age from 35 to 73 years old. They are originally from seven countries: People's Re-

public of China, India, Kenya, Japan, the Philippines, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Thailand, and include a husband and wife naturalizing together.

More than 32,000 candidates will become citizens at 158 ceremonies across the country from Sept. 14 to Sept. 22. (USCIS)

Seven complete family home care provider training



NMC Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong, standing left, Department of Community & Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, standing third from left, NMC instructor Charlotte Cepeda, standing fourth from left, and DCCA Child Care Development director Mari-bel Lose, standing second from right, pose for a photo with the first group of participants who recently earned their certificates of participation under the Family Home Care Provider Training facilitated by the institute.

A group of childcare providers from various day care centers in the CNMI recently became the first participants to complete the Family Home Care Provider Training facilitated by the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute.

The institute awarded seven participants certificates of participation in this professional development training program during a recent ceremony hosted at NMC. The seven are Rose Del Rosario, Priscilla Cruz, Molly Ann M. Duenas, Rosa M. Pangelinan, Dyna B. Cabrera, Rosita D. Galvan, and Rosita Macabugao.

Participants successfully

completed a total of 18 hours of instruction over the course of several weeks. Courses in this training program included "Music and Movement & Physical Activity," "Infant & Toddler Socio-Emotional Development," "Curriculum Development" and "Safety Topics: Indoor & Outdoor Environment."

"We applaud these individuals for taking this opportunity to improve their skills and enhance their knowledge in order to become better child care providers," said acting institute director Floyd Masga.

"We would also like to recognize the hard work and efforts of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs to improve

the quality of childcare services and education," said the institute's program manager, Les

Ogumoro-Uludong.

The Family Home Care Pro-

vider Training was funded by DCCA's Child Care Development Fund. (NMC)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Division of Historic Preservation, under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, hereby give notice that the annual Historic Preservation Review Board meeting will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., over at the Office on Aging Center's Conference Room, located across the Garapan Central Park.

Interested individuals are invited to attend.

AGENDA

- I. **Call To Order**
- II. **Orientation of New Board Members**
- III. **Election of Officer**
- IV. **New Business**
 - Secretary's Remarks
 - State Historic Preservation Officer's Report
 - Acting Director's Report
 - Tinian HPO Coordinator's Report
 - Rota Acting HPO Coordinator's Report
 - HPO Specialist's Review and Compliance Report
 - FY2013 Federal Budget
 - FY2013 Local Budget
 - HPO Regulations
- V. **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- VI. **Adjournment**

/s/ Melvin L. O. Faisao
CNMI State Historic Preservation Office

NEW CHRISTIAN

Welcome to the Christian world, baby Samantha Louise Esquivel, whose baptismal celebration is today, Sept. 15, 2012. This shoutout comes from your godparents and family.



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Chris Stevens, a martyr for freedom

Chris Stevens loved the Middle East, and he loved the Libyans who rose up to overthrow the brutal dictator Moammar Gadhafi last year. Stevens was special envoy during the Libyan revolution, arriving during the revolt by cargo ship and working from a couple of tables in the eastern city of Benghazi—a fragile diplomatic foothold in a dangerous place.



Stevens

He made an upbeat video as he returned in May to be U.S. ambassador. "I was thrilled to watch the Libyan people stand up and demand their rights," he said. "Now I'm excited to return to Libya to continue the great work we've started."

Tragically, J. Christopher Stevens is now a martyr for freedom. He died Tuesday with three other Americans in an assault on the American consulate in Benghazi.

The details of how he died—and at whose hands—are unclear. There is evidence the attack was planned—not simply a violent escalation of a protest over an amateurish movie that Muslims found insulting. Protesters in Cairo also upset by a trailer for the film posted on YouTube stormed the U.S. Embassy there and tore down an American flag, but there were no injuries.

Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee for president, was quick to criticize President Barack Obama, noting Tuesday night that he was "outraged by the attacks" and that it was disgraceful that "the administration's first response was not to condemn attacks on our diplomatic missions but to sympathize with those who waged the attacks."

The chairman of the Republican National Committee, Reince Priebus of Wisconsin, tweeted: "Obama sympathizes with attackers in Egypt. Sad and pathetic."

Sad and pathetic? Yes, it was sad and pathetic to see such callous and uninformed statements from politicians who couldn't wait until they had the facts to use an international incident for political gain. The former Massachusetts governor doubled-down during a news conference on Wednesday even as leading Republicans refused to play politics over the deaths of four Americans.

The statement Romney referred to was released by the U.S. Embassy in Cairo before the attacks. It criticized the film and noted the American tradition of respect for all religious beliefs. The diplomats released the statement in the hope of calming protesters and avoiding violence. They were not sympathizing with the protesters; they were exercising prudence in the midst of a tense situation and restating basic American values. And both Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton quickly condemned the attack.

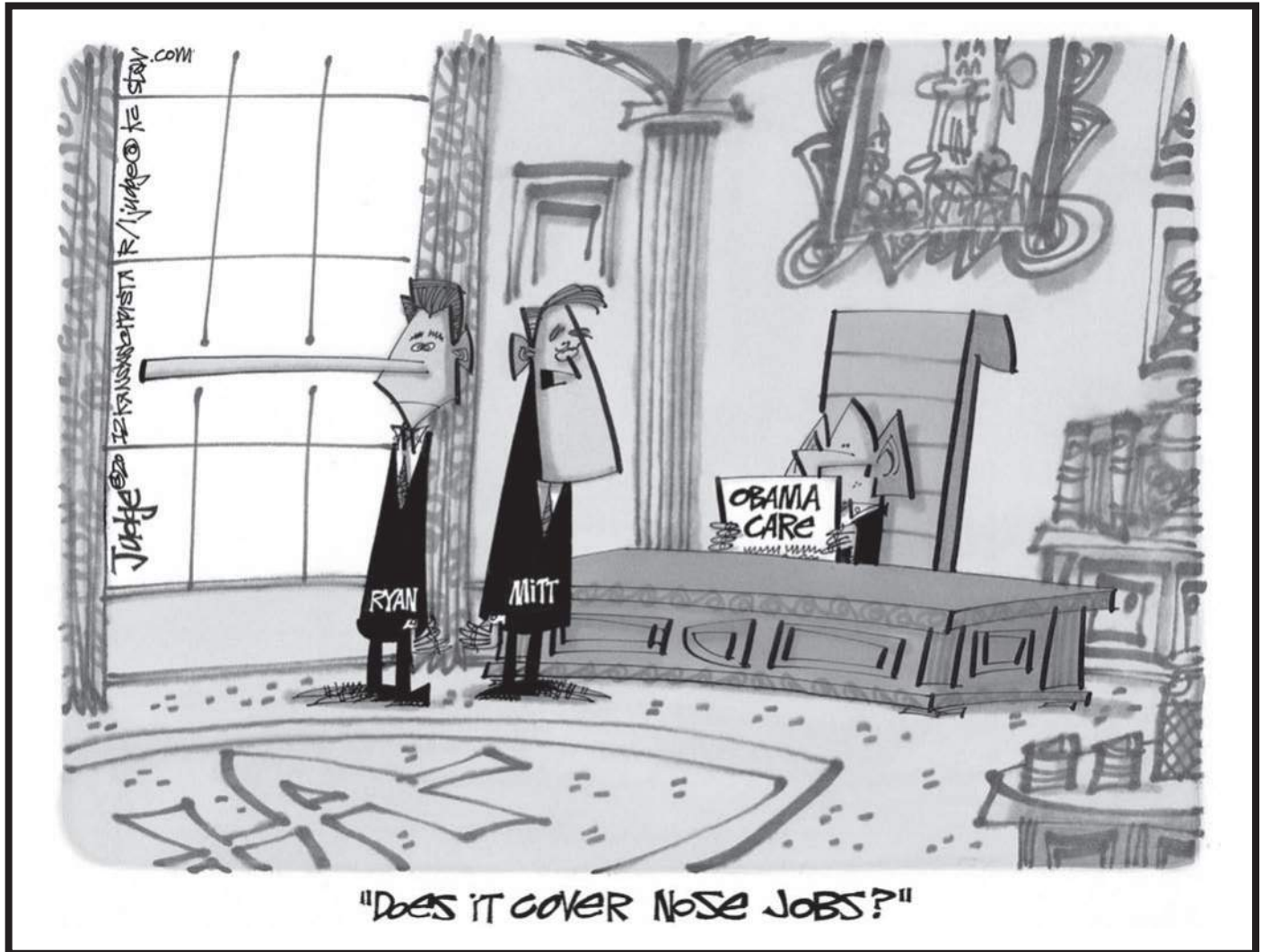
Romney's pettiness likely would be disturbing to a seasoned diplomat such as Stevens. He made his mark by knowing both the "streets, not just the elites," said a friend of his, Robin Wright. She worked in the Middle East as a journalist and is now a scholar at the United States Institute of Peace.

A native of California, Stevens, 52, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and UC's Hastings College of Law. He worked as an international trade lawyer for a time, then taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1991, serving in Jerusalem, Damascus and Cairo. He was fluent in French and Arabic.

He was known for his commitment to the people he was serving.

In a post on her blog in August, Hannah Draper, who is on leave from the embassy, said Stevens was "legendary" in Libya

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An ugly American once more

Writers Burdick and Lederer had a 1958 bestseller with the *roman à clef* portrayal of the physically ugly but effective engineer in Sarkham, described like Thailand or Myanmar (known then as Burma) but alluded more of Vietnam. Published just when U.S. manifest destiny took a foreign policy liking to Indochina after the French debacle in Dien Bien Phu, the popular 1963 movie *The Ugly American* version starring Marlon Brando anticipated but did not stop the American disaster that followed.

(As a student in the summer of 1966, we worked at the *Luau Restaurant* on Rodeo Drive, Beverley Hills, when it was still hills before Beverley came along. Brando and Tahitian actress wife Tariia Teriipia came in for an early lunch when the hired help had not yet come, so I, the data entry office boy, waited on their table. Marlon the macho big guy on the screen was actually a burly version of my size. OK, he is three inches taller but I had been a fan since.)

A Burmese journalist in the novel said: "For some reason, the people I meet in my country are not the same as the ones I knew in the United States. A mysterious change seems to come over Americans when they go to a foreign land. They isolate themselves socially. They live pretentiously. They're loud and ostentatious."

With a recent international survey rating Americans as the worst tourists in the world, not much evidently has changed.

Peace Corps Volunteers we associated with in the late '70s and early '80s picked up on the double entendre of the "ugly," and defined it as authentic American heart at work. It was true then, at a high cost. It still is.

J. Christopher Stevens, newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to Libya, became a fatal casualty in the smoldering political crisis that North Africa and the Middle East represents. An envoy to the conflict when the U.S. sided with rebel forces, he evidently paid with his life the unremitting wages of war.

Just when we were getting our dose of malaria around Lagoon Lagos in the early '80s, training community development workers that included Peace Corps volunteers sent over by the Cote d'Ivoire office to a demonstration project in Ijede, Stevens started teaching English in Morocco as a PCV. A specialist in natural resource management, he went on to study law, and his fluency in Arabic and French landed him back with the Foreign Service in the Middle East. A career diplomat, he was one of those who took his job to the field rather than polish it in the confines of an air-conditioned room.

Stevens, like his RPCV colleagues, had fire under his seat and idealism in his neural system. He might have run into the much-circulated Chinese quote in the trainings I was a part of that said, "Action removes the doubt that theory cannot solve." He might have also followed Harry Truman's quip that anyone can accomplish great things if one is not too concerned on who gets the credit. A creature of his time, Stevens might have said something like,

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"have cellphone, will travel."

Caught in Benghazi, the anti-Gaddafi city that he helped protect when the dictator had the option to unleash Libyan firepower on the opposition, the ambassador reportedly expired from extreme asphyxiation.

The irony is that Ambassador Stevens was one of the rare career diplomatic real friends of the Arabic world. When posted to Tripoli as ambassador, Stevens sent out a taped message greeting everyone with the Islamic *Salaam Malaikum*. He served for two years as U.S. Chief of Mission in Tripoli prior to the Libyan insurrection of 2011.

The Islamic ire is the result of a low-budget movie, *The Innocence of Muslims*, by a rabid anti-Muslim Jew that depicts the prophet Mohammed in very low regard. With the pain of 9/11 turning into anti-Islam sentiment, this does not come as a surprise. When we circulated among conservative Christian faithful in Kentucky, North Carolina, and Texas, the object of derision then were the Jews. This time, a Jewish businessman returned with a vengeance, save his venom is directed against Muslims.

Our musing is interlaced with our tenuous connection with terms like "ugly American" and personae like Brando and Stevens in the news. Stevens was not yet a teenager in California when we fawned over the lunch menu of Brando and Tariia at a time when Brando had hit an unpopular and difficult decade in his movie career. Brando was not professionally recognized for his *Ugly American* portrayal. Yet, we remember him for his intense participation with the Civil Rights movement that helped define part of our political profile.

We would have been like a Stevens had we done well on our Foreign Service exam, but never mind. We remain partial to the PCV since the program initiated by JFK moved the glamour of the rite of passage of the young from bearing arms for Uncle Sam to a two-year service of American ingenuity and creativity at work in a field that could use such intrusion.

Now, as an American teacher among Chinese students who are, at once, enamored with things American but do not take on easily to the ways of the "loud and ostentatious" gringos, the style of the practical and commonsensical ugly American comes to the fore.

There's one ugly American here.

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Beyond religion in the Middle East

By MIMI HANAOKA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The chaotic violence that killed U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three American staffers in Libya, and that resulted in a mob storming the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, has been garbed in religious language and references. However, the religious rhetoric from all corners distracts from the real issues: serious domestic political fragmentation in Libya and Egypt in the aftermath of the Arab Spring, and America’s place in the region.

Media attention has focused on a polemic 14-minute movie trailer for “Innocence of Muslims” posted on YouTube, which prompted protests in Benghazi and Cairo. The film was allegedly produced by Sam Bacile, who has identified himself as an Israeli Jew. In the Wall Street Journal, Bacile called Islam a “cancer” and claimed he raised \$5 million from about 100 Jewish donors to fund the film, details that only intensify the film’s polemic power.

The trailer, translated into Arabic and viewed thousands of times in the Middle East, portrays the prophet Muhammad as, among other things, a child abuser. Florida pastor and provocateur Terry Jones, who burned the Quran in 2011, claims to have screened the film; a self-described Christian militant in California claims to have consulted on it.

As news reports, punditry and Internet reactions fly, the violent response to the trailer in Libya and Egypt will undoubtedly be portrayed as generic Muslim rage rooted in a theology that inspires a special rage

Let’s not allow the far right to set the agenda

By DEEPA KUMAR
THE PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

Let’s be careful not to let the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya reinforce negative stereotypes about Muslims and lead to deadly retaliation.

Whether the attack was a response to the film “Innocence of Muslims,” or whether the protest over that film provided the attackers with cover, it cannot become a justification for retribution and attacks on ordinary Muslims here or in Libya.

It must be noted first that the film is a piece of blatant anti-Muslim propaganda. It portrays the Prophet Muhammad as a womanizer, a pedophile, a bumbling idiot, and a bloodthirsty fanatic and anti-Semite.

Second, the film is not an anomaly. Rather, it joins a slew of similar

and hatred against the West. If more demonstrations erupt in Muslim countries after Friday prayers, there will be further temptation to understand any protests as primarily religious in nature.

But there are other ways to understand what’s going on. The deadly attack in Libya may have been separate from the video protests, pre-planned by extremists. In any case, the anti-American demonstrations are not necessarily exhibitions of generic Muslim theological rage as much as they are outbursts occurring for specific reasons in the particular and destabilized local contexts of the post-Arab Spring Middle East and North Africa. And more protests following Friday prayers in these countries are likely to be as much a sign of newfound political engagement as religious zeal.

The Arab Spring produced a complex matrix of political instability in Libya and Egypt, with enormous economic and social reverberations in those nations and their geopolitical relationships and strategies. The anti-American violence in Benghazi and Cairo is mostly a reflection of weakened central governments in the wake of the toppling of long-standing dictators and amid the jockeying for power of a host of actors and organizations.

If the reaction was generically Muslim in nature, Saudi Arabia, the most notable bastion of Sunni orthodoxy vehemently opposed to any depictions of Muhammad, would be the place where the trailer and the film would be expected to first spark controversy. Yet it wasn’t a flash point. Nor have we heard a peep of protest from Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman or Kuwait, Persian Gulf countries with

relatively strong central governments that retained a firm grip on power during the Arab Spring.

As the exuberant democracy movements and revolutions in Libya and Egypt transition to the painstaking reality of establishing law and order, the new regimes have to find their feet and their place in the world. The recently elected governments in Libya and Egypt and other countries will work for many years to reestablish law and order, a task complicated in Libya by the deluge of arms floating around the country after the brutal civil war. In Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood, the entrenched military power holders, and secular organizations and individuals will compete to speak for the new state.

At such a time, using religion alone to explain what’s happening is counter-factual and counterproductive. Individuals, mobs and militants on all sides, in the United States as well as in Egypt and Libya, will try to dwell on Islam. Easily inflamed mobs in the Middle East may set back democratization efforts and strip the remade nations of foreign economic investment, tourism and the geopolitical support they need. In America, provocateurs will try to influence public opinion in divisive political times. It is important that policymakers and the news media remain clear-headed that the real issues are instead mostly local and always political.

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films produced by a well-funded Islamophobic network. Another such film is the “Third Jihad,” shown for months to NYPD recruits as part of their training, which argues that Muslims in the United States plan to infiltrate and take over the country.

Third, the Islamophobic network has attacked mosques around the country and incited fear and hatred. A mosque in Joplin, Mo., was burned to the ground in August, and there has been a 50 percent increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes since 2010, according to the Southern Poverty law Center.

Fourth, the Islamic fundamentalists in Libya have reinforced the stereotype that “Innocence of Muslims” peddles: that Muslims are violent fanatics. They have played into the hands of the far right here.

When we focus on the far right in Libya or Egypt, we erase the almost 2 billion Muslims in the world, the vast majority of whom are

nonviolent, and who voice their positions peacefully.

In Cairo, peaceful protests were held outside the U.S. Embassy, and the most confrontational thing that a section of protesters did was to replace the American flag by an Islamist flag. No one got hurt.

Let’s also remember the controversy over the Danish cartoons, when the newspaper Jyllands-Posten ran caricatures of Islam and the prophet. A range of editorials, essays and peaceful demonstrations poured forth, but the Western media skipped over these in favor of violent demonstrations by Islamists.

When the Western media make such choices, they obscure the diversity of political thought and action in Muslim-majority countries, and they let an unrepresentative fraction of the population stand for the whole. The equivalent would be to depict Terry Jones, the Florida pastor who called for the burning of Qurans on Sept. 11, 2010, and who has promoted the anti-Muslim film, as representative of all Americans.

“Innocence of Muslims” is a film produced and promoted by the far right in the United States. The violent reaction to it came from the far right in Libya.

At the end of the day, the far right in one country has more in common with the far right in other countries than with any other segment of the world’s population. The vast majority of ordinary people are sensible and nonviolent.

In this election season, let us not allow the far right to set the agenda.

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because he rode out the revolution with the Libyan people.

“Several Libyans have told me how much it means to them that he stayed here throughout the revolution, losing friends and suffering privations alongside ordinary Libyans,” Draper wrote.

In a somber statement delivered Wednesday morning in the ornate halls of the State Department, Clinton condemned the attack but wisely tamped down the idea of a pullback from Libya or elsewhere in the Middle East. She vowed that the cause of U.S. engagement in Libya would “not be another casualty” of the attack.

In mourning the loss of the four Americans, she noted that it was she who sent Stevens to Libya.

“He risked his life to stop a tyrant, then gave his life trying to help build a better Libya. The world needs more Chris Stevenses.”

The work of freedom is often hard and sometimes ugly. Stevens surely knew that after all his years of service. His death should strengthen American resolve to be a force for good in the region so that the cause lit so brightly during the Arab spring is not extinguished by forces that desire only darkness.

Letters to the Editor

Commendation

To MVA, HANMI, SCC, Rotary, NMI Crime Stoppers, and the 17th Legislature: As we all know, these are trying times for the CNMI. The reports of crime in our community are increasing daily. Recently, I was moved by a simple story that ran on the news and would like to share that story with you.

Kanis Sinounou was driving with his girlfriend when he noticed a man mugging a lady tourist on the sidewalk at 7pm in the Garapan area. The man punched the tourist, knocked her down and tried to grab her purse. Kanis witnessed this and could not just keep driving. He stopped the car, got out, ran over and bear-hugged the criminal. He held the man until a police finally passed by. A while later, Officer Peter Aldan happened to be patrolling the area, witnessed the scuffle, and stopped. As the cop was trying to put cuffs on the criminal he attempted to flee again. Kanis held him down again until he was cuffed.

The local news covered the story here: http://youtu.be/bvp8X5_97-w

I know some may argue that vigilantism should not be promoted but I would like to differ a bit. I believe when members of this small community witness crimes being committed it is our duty to do

something about it. Sadly, many times we as citizens (me included) may see things that are wrong but we turn a blind eye to them because we feel it is none of our business, out of fear, or simply due to what we feel are other more pressing matters.

The man in this video clip could have just driven off and who knows what would have happened to victim in this case. Perhaps he could have just phoned the cops and let them know he saw something odd and we could hope that they would have arrived in time. He didn’t, he saw something wrong and he acted to correct that wrong.

I must also give thanks to Officer Peter Aldan for actively patrolling the area and reacting so quickly.

I am unsure of whether any of the groups I have addressed in this letter have any set procedures for recognizing upstanding citizens. That is the reason I am sending you this note. If your organization does, I would like to nominate Mr. Kanis Sinounou for commendation.

Glen Hunter
Finasisu, Saipan

agreement. If they understand, it was because he had no choice. He has to get money to pay CHC.

The other problem for our government is he tried to recover our debts that’s why the governor say he didn’t do anything wrong. If people understand and appreciate what he did they will protest this impeachment. And for every law there is an exception.

Teddy Guiao
Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

No way to impeach the governor

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87 ▼78
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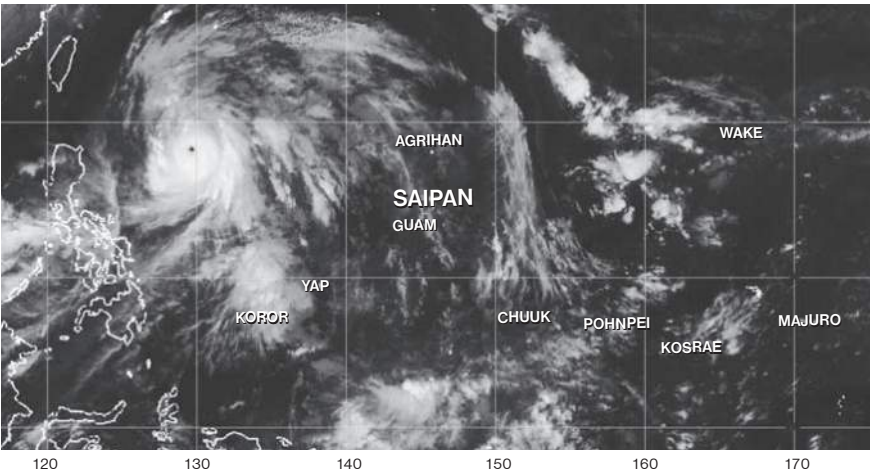
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Beijing	Sunny	▲80 ▼53
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲88 ▼76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲84 ▼74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼51
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲96 ▼71
Manila	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲63 ▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
New York	Sunny	▲76 ▼53
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼76
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲77 ▼50
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲75 ▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲80 ▼62
Salem	Sunny	▲80 ▼48
San Francisco	Sunny	▲73 ▼57
Seoul	Showers	▲73 ▼64
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼75
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲80 ▼61

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet	
7:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
2:07 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
8:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Sanba (17W) is centered 735 miles north-northwest of Koror at 17N129E moving north at 10 mph with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph. Widespread rain with numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the center west of a line from 14N132E to 18N132E. For more information on Super Typhoon Sanba, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGWT. A surface trough reaches northeastward from Super Typhoon Sanba to end west of Iwo To Island at 25N134E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near this system west of the northern CNMI between 16N and 25N from 132E to 141E. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from Super Typhoon Sanba to end southwest of Pohnpei at EQ156E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the trough axis near Koror and Yap within 90 miles of a line from 6N138E to 15N133E and also south of Chuuk between the equator and 4N from 143E to 157E. Similar weather is also seen north of the trough axis just west of Rota and Saipan within 45 miles of a line from 13N144E to 17N145E. An upper-level trough runs northwestward from a low centered near Kosrae at 8N163E to another low centered southwest of Wake Island at 17N157E then curves northeastward through a third low centered east of Minami Tori Shima at 23N162E to beyond 25N at 180. Upper-level divergence near these features is coupling with converging surface winds to trigger widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Kosrae within 120 miles of a line from EQ167E to 7N166E. Similar conditions also exist from between Chuuk and Pohnpei northeastward to Minami Tori Shima within 100 miles of a line from 5N152E to 7N156E to 13N154E to 17N162E to 24N156E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:57 AM	5:29 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:13 PM
Monday	6:50 AM	6:59 PM
Tuesday	7:49 AM	7:48 PM
Wednesday	8:49 AM	8:39 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am +1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
U2608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana							
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Mt. Carmel Cathedral Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm			
Korean Center Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm			
Kristo Rai Parish Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273			
Santa Soledad Mission Parish Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568			
Saint Jude Parish Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007			
San Antonio Parish Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday			
San Francisco de Borja-Rota Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass			
San Isidro-Rota Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm			
San Jose (Oleai) Parish Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991			
San Roque Parish Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday			
and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143			
San Vicente Parish Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131			
Santa Remedios Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1 st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm			
PROTESTANT			
Amen Church Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net			
Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm			
Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27			
Chinese Christian Church of Saipan Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540			
Church 360 Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building). Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116 Celebration Service: Sunday at 10:15am Prayer Fellowship: Wednesday at 6:00pm			
Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org			
Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions			
Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680			
Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan			
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)			
Immanuel United Methodist Church Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158			
Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am			
Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm			
Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm			
Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)			
Living Hope Church of the Nazarene Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142			
Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm			
Missions Connection Ministry Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm			
Northern Marianas Christian Church Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd. Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisú Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661			
Marianas Bible Fellowship Center Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm			
Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm			
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566			
Saipan Christian Church Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)			
Saipan Church of Christ Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm			
Saipan Community Church (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm			
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm			
First Baptist Church Koblerville Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm			
Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm			
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2			
Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi			
Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism			
Upper Room International Ministries Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			
Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S			
Victorious Christian Church (Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246			

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 15, 1999

Asiana Air seeks CNMI support for its daily flights
Asiana Airlines vice president Young Keun Kim has asked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for his continued cooperation in ensuring the success of their daily Saipan-Seoul service. In a letter to the chief executive, YoungKeun said the daily service which began on Sept. 13, 1999, did not start as originally planned because of the delay in the delivery of the new aircraft. “I can assure you that I have paid utmost efforts in my position to keep the promise made during my last visit,” said YoungKeun. As a result of the daily flights, the Marianas Visitors Authority is planning to increase the CNMI’s visibility in Korea to better highlight the island’s features as an ideal destination in the region.

Sablan signs new law to benefit former landowners
A new law signed by acting Gov. Jesus R. Sablan will allow former land owners displaced after the U.S. military or the old Trust Territory government seized their properties to reclaim them based only on eligibility. Public Law 11-96 will also provide a legal basis for the Division of Public Lands as well as the Board of Public Lands to deal with long-standing problems stemming from land taking that occurred more than 20 years ago prior to the island becoming a U.S. commonwealth. Both agencies are “very much in support of this bill so that pending applications can be processed and acted on by DPL and BPL,” Sablan said in signing Senate Bill 11-135 into law.

Sept. 15, 2000

Rota airport rehab project kicks off
Bowing to pressures from the Rota leadership, the Commonwealth Ports Authority is scheduled to meet today with potential bidders who may be interested to undertake the more than \$3 million rehabilitation work at the island’s air transport facility. Some \$3.4 million in total Capital Improvement Project funds and grants from the Federal Aviation Administration have been earmarked for the much-awaited repair of the Rota International Airport runway. Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona has been persistently clamoring that CPA expedite the bidding process for the rehabilitation of the island’s airport runway, which was recently given the go-signal by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Saipan mayor prods passage of bill on appointing powers
Saipan Mayor Jose C. Sablan has urged the Legislature to pass a proposed measure vesting the mayor with the authority to designate an acting mayor who will carry out the official functions in his absence. The filing of HLB 12-15 by Senate Floor Leader Pete Reyes stemmed from the issuance of a legal opinion by the Attorney General’s Office recommending the immediate passage of the law since absence of such authority would result in legal problems. Mayor Sablan said the immediate passage of the bill is important because he has to attend numerous off-island trips. Such official trips include the annual student cultural exchange programs with sister cities in Korea and Japan, weekly meetings with the Association of Mariana Island Mayors, Vice Mayors and Municipal Councils and the quarterly U.S. Conference of Mayors’ sessions.

Sept. 15, 2003

PSS gets more bus funding at \$764K
The U.S. Department of Transportation has increased by more than 400 percent the money it gives the Public School System to buy buses after reclassifying Saipan as an urban area. PSS federal program officer William P. Matson said the DOT’s Federal Transit Administration has awarded PSS some \$764,000 in its transport grant this year. PSS used to get only \$180,000 from FTA for its transport program. Matson said in an interview that the significant budget increase was made possible because FTA now looks at Saipan as an urban area.

MPLA: CPA agrees to land designation
Instead of outright ownership, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has agreed to just use the public lands it needs in Puerto Rico for its expansion plan, according to the Marianas Public Lands Authority. MPLA commissioner Henry S. Hofschneider said in an interview that CPA executive director Carlos Salas agreed during a recent congressional meeting to the conditions set by the MPLA on the use of the properties identified by CPA under its expansion program. However, Hofschneider said that since that meeting, which took place four weeks ago, Salas “never got back to us.” “We’ve yet to receive anything from them. During that meeting [with Rep. Arnold Palacios], the CPA executive director said that CPA would agree to the conditions [of the MPLA],” said Hofschneider.

Maharlika

Concept papers sought on how to continue consulate programs

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Consul General Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate in Guam commended Filipino organizations who have stepped up to the plate by taking charge of the programs of the Saipan Consulate.

"By doing that, they have validated the spirit of volunteerism that Filipinos are known for. They proved that they are ready and willing to assist and we are pleased," Mangibin said in Thursday's media briefing.

Mangibin and Consul Gary Auxilian arrived Monday for a five-day visit to the CNMI in preparation for the transfer of consular responsibilities from the Saipan Consulate to Guam.

The Saipan Consulate is scheduled to shut down after Oct. 31.

Saipan Consul General Medardo Macaraig, however, noted that the Guam Consulate and the Filipino organizations agreed during a meeting Tuesday night on the need to submit concept papers on how to go about carrying on the livelihood and skills upgrading program and the quarterly health screening.

"There are a lot of details regarding this undertaking that cannot be discussed or decided on during a big meeting," he explained.

Mangibin, for his part, said the concept paper intends to iron out



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Filipino consular officials pose for the camera before the start of Thursday's media briefing at the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan. From left to right: Consul Gary Auxilian of Guam, Consul General Medardo Macaraig of Saipan, Philippine Overseas Labor Office officer-in-charge Julie Fabian of Saipan, and Consul General Bayani Mangibin of Guam.

the administrative arrangements that have to be made to continue effectively both programs.

He said the volunteer organizations can consult their concept papers with Auxilian once the Consul flies back to Saipan at the end of the month.

"But the most important thing is that there is already an assurance that we will carry on these programs," Mangibin emphasized.

Mangibin also assured that

the Guam Consulate will work on meeting the consular needs of Filipinos in the Commonwealth. For example, consular documents like notary public can be sent from Saipan to Guam and vice versa via registered mail or courier service.

Passport renewal

Mangibin also urged the Filipino community to renew their passports while the Saipan Consulate is still open to serve the public.

He disclosed that they have waived the formalities of passport renewal, particularly the six months-validity requirement of passports, "in the interest of Filipinos here in the Northern Marianas." For example, a Filipino national can renew one's passport even if the expiry date is in December 2013.

Macaraig noted that the number of passport renewals processed by the Consulate has increased due to this waiver.

Successful premiere night for *Usapang Pinoy*



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The production team of *Usapang Pinoy* thank their audience during the successful premiere night Thursday at the American Memorial Park in Garapan. From left to right, director and scriptwriter Edwin Sta. Theresa, hosts Michelle Villaraza and Annamae Adaza, adviser Celso Magbanua Jr., makeup artist Edmund Pagasian, and cameraman Kevin Jardinerio.

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Nearly 70 Filipino community leaders and members flocked to the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater Thursday evening for the premiere of the new television talk show, *Usapang Pinoy*.

Dressed in Filipiniana attire, the show's production team welcomed their invited guests who were all equally dressed to the nines.

Among the spectators were Consul General Medardo Macaraig of Saipan, Consul General

Bayani Mangibin and Consul Gary Auxilian of Guam, Philippine Overseas Labor Office officer-in-charge Julie Fabian, and United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte.

Produced by Digital Motion, *Usapang Pinoy* primarily aims to provide the Filipino community a venue to access factual information about the latest issues and happenings in the Commonwealth.

It also seeks to inspire and bring hope to Filipino workers in the Northern Marianas with real-life stories and successes of individuals who have business

ventures in the CNMI or back in the Philippines.

Edwin Sta. Theresa, *Usapang Pinoy* director and scriptwriter, said yesterday that he's pleased with the very warm and favorable response of the audience.

Sta. Theresa was joined at the event by hosts Annamae Adaza and Michelle Villaraza, cameraman Kevin Jardinerio, makeup artist Edmund Pagasian, and adviser Fr. Celso Magbanua Jr.

The team presented their pilot episode, which featured Consul General Macaraig as he talked about the impending closure of

the consulate. Performing at this episode was Patz Bautista.

"We were overwhelmed when they applauded us after the show. It made us all the more excited to air the other episodes that we've already taped, and to come up with more interesting topics for the show," Sta. Theresa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Usapang Pinoy will be aired every Thursday and Sunday beginning Sept. 16 on Channel 14.

Sta. Theresa encourages Filipinos in the CNMI to make suggestions on future topics or to get updates about the show via their Facebook page.



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Ephraim V. Tipa heads the division that maintains the greens at the Rota Resort & Country Club.

EPHRAIM V. TIPa

The man behind Rota Resort's greens

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ROTA—Maintaining a golf course is no walk in the park. Just ask Ephraim V. Tipa, who has done it at the Rota Resort & Country Club for 17 years.

The department manager for golf course and grounds maintenance, water/wastewater treatment plant operations says his daily routine includes inspecting every nook and cranny of the course to ensure a pleasurable golfing experience for patrons.

As the club's point of contact for its water and wastewater, Tipa says among his responsibilities

are to obtain water samples to be submitted once a month to the Division of Environmental Quality on Saipan, and to ensure compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

All these on top of looking after their clientele that are mostly locals, Japanese, and Koreans, according to Tipa.

"It's a dynamic and ever-changing job," says Tipa, 53. "You would think it's easy but there are a lot of requirements, and you also have to keep abreast with the latest technology about the greens."

Tipa reveals that his career in the golf industry, including how he learned and fell in love the sport, began in the Philippines. He was trained by no less than Ben Arda, the renowned Filipino professional golfer also known as "Bantam Ben" and "Toy Tiger," when he worked for

the Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club.

Three years later, Tipa, an Agriculture graduate from the University of the Philippines in Los Banos, found himself working at the Guam International Country Club where he worked for two years. He then literally and figuratively moved to a greener pasture that is the Rota Resort & Country Club.

His employment for 17 years has enabled Tipa to help his family in Tanauan, Batangas.

The sixth child in a brood of eight, Tipa contributed financially for his sibling's child, who is now studying to become a

doctor at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila.

Tipa, who never married, considers his co-workers his family. Outside work, he spends his time being with them at barbecue and karaoke parties, becoming involved in the Filipino community on Rota, or reading. He also takes care of his pet boonie dogs, all 10 of them.

Tipa feels blessed about his employer, despite having changes in the management three times. "They really treat us well, so we don't have complaints."

When asked if he has ever thought about moving to Saipan, Tipa says no because he has grown to love the island of Rota, which has been his home for 17 years.

"Maybe in the future, after I retire, I can work on my dream to have my own business," he adds.



Security outside US embassies around the world tightened

Fearing violence, anxious governments across Asia on Thursday stepped up security outside United States embassies following an attack on the American consulate in Libya that killed the US ambassador and three other Americans.

In Manila, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) pledged security for foreign embassies and consulates in the country.

The Philippines is home to the Moro extremist group the Abu Sayyaf, which has been linked to various attacks in different parts of the country in recent years.

Guards and police special forces were seen carrying assault rifles outside the US Embassy in Manila. Embassy guards gestured to a photographer to stop taking pictures.

US diplomats had asked for additional police personnel and patrols for the seaside compound and a nearby residential complex, as well as the American consulate in Cebu City, ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the US.



Members of the Philippine Coast guard's anti-terrorist unit conduct a maritime patrol near the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. AP

US Embassy mourns

Officials said the heightened security would be maintained indefinitely.

"We mourn this tragic loss, and the families of our departed friends and colleagues are in our thoughts and prayers," US Ambassador to Manila Harry Thomas Jr. said in a statement issued by the American Embassy. "We will do our best to honor and carry forward their memory and their service."

In the same statement, the US Embassy said it appreciated "the strong cooperation and support

that we receive from the Philippine National Police and security authorities, and we remain open for regular business."

It said that US consular services would continue for those with visa appointments and other concerns.

The DFA condemned the attack in Benghazi, Libya, calling it a "horrific criminal and senseless act of violence ... which should be condemned by the international community."

Controversial film

Elsewhere, Indonesia, the

world's most populous Muslim country, joined Afghanistan in demanding that YouTube block the crudely made film with its mocking portrayal of the Prophet Mohammed.

Indonesian authorities are also working with Internet service providers to block access to the film, Communications and Information Ministry spokesman Gatot Dewa Broto said.

"The film certainly is offensive ... and has upset Indonesian Muslims. We don't wish for anyone to be provoked by it and for violence to break out here," he said.

The low-budget movie depicts the Prophet Mohammed sleeping with women and dwells on themes of pedophilia and homosexuality.

So far, there has been no trouble in Indonesia, where most of the 240 million population practice a moderate form of Islam.

Reaction in Afghanistan, where US-led troops have been waging a decadelong war against the fundamentalist Taliban, has so far been muted. But unwilling to take a risk, President Hamid Karzai postponed his visit to Norway.

"He won't go, he's worried

about possible riots over the release of the film," a presidential aide said in Kabul.

Protests expected

In Pakistan, security was tightened around US diplomatic missions across the country, with officials saying they expected protesters to take to the streets.

"We have beefed up the security for the possible threats to the US Embassy," said Khuram Rasheed, a senior police official responsible for diplomats' security in Islamabad. "We expect some protests against the

embassy tomorrow and we are preparing to handle that."

India, which has the world's third biggest Muslim population after Indonesia and Pakistan, issued an alert to security forces deployed outside US diplomatic missions.

In Bangladesh, which saw protests by tens of thousands of people against the publication of Mohammed cartoons by a Danish newspaper in 2006, authorities deployed more armed police at the US and other embassies. *(Reports from the Philippine Daily Inquirer, AFP, and AP)*

US lawmakers say China is bullying its neighbors

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. lawmakers Wednesday accused China of bullying its neighbors to press territorial claims in the South China Sea but also raised questions about America's capacity to police the region.

Three congressional panels this week are scrutinizing what they consider to be the security threat posed by China and its human rights record.

With the U.S. presidential election two months away, Republican contender Mitt Romney has accused Barack Obama of being soft on China, particularly on trade issues, as he has tried to cultivate ties with the emerging superpower. But criticism dished out by members of the House Foreign Relations Committee Wednesday was directed squarely at Beijing.

The committee's Republican chair, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, dubbed China a "schoolyard bully towards its maritime neighbors" that aspired to be the dominant power in Asia, controlling vital sea lanes that could

be used to choke off commerce and oil shipments. She said the U.S. would stand by its allies, the Philippines and Japan.

"Other global crises must not distract from our vital national interests in the South China Sea and the western Pacific," she told a hearing addressing the issue.

Top Democrat Howard Berman said the Obama administration has repeatedly made clear to Beijing that the U.S. will not allow China to assert hegemony over the region. He said the U.S. must continue to press China to resolve its claims peacefully.

China and five of its neighbors, including the Philippines and Vietnam, have overlapping claims to several small, but potentially energy-rich areas of the South China Sea, that have become an increasing focus of bickering and confrontation. In July, China upped the ante when it created a city and military garrison on a remote island to strengthen its control over disputed islands.

The United States criticized that as undermining efforts to manage and resolve disputes through diplomacy. That angered China, which says it has

no aggressive intent.

The U.S., which remains the world's predominant military power, says it does not take a position on the competing territorial claims, but has a national security interest in the maintenance of peace and stability in the region. On Tuesday it urged "cooler heads to prevail" in a separate island dispute between Japan and China in the East China Sea.

Republican Rep. Mike Kelly questioned the ability of an indebted U.S. to sustain its military presence across the world, and suggested China was now "the toughest guy in the neighborhood" that would call the shots on policy there.

"At some point we better wake up and smell the coffee," Kelly said. "We have a diminished influence because we really don't have the ability at times to do what we say we are going to do."

Democrat Rep. Brad Sherman said U.S. allies needed to bear more of the security burden, as during the Cold War against the Soviet Union.

"Those nations in the Asia-

Pacific region, particularly those that have concerns with China's expansionary claims ought to be devoting a reasonable portion of GDP to their own naval defense," he said.

On Thursday, the House Intelligence Committee will question executives of two major Chinese technology companies as it probes allegations that the firms' involvement in the U.S. market could pose a national security risk.

Also Wednesday, another House panel examined allegations of human organs of religious and political dissidents being harvested by Chinese authorities.

Staunch China critic, Republican Rep. Chris Smith, alleged that kidneys, livers, lungs, hearts and corneas were taken from recently deceased prisoners and that China's military doctors may also be harvesting organs from live prisoners. He conceded that much of the evidence

is circumstantial, but decried the harvesting as a "barbaric practice that must be stopped."

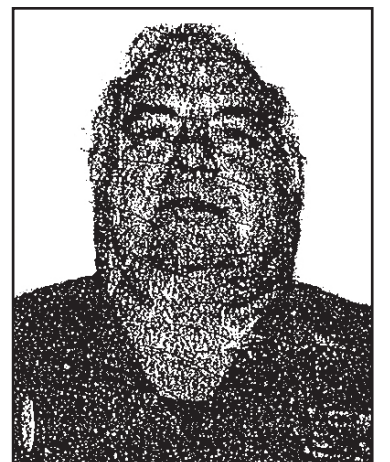
In an annual human rights review this year, the U.S. State Department cited reports of organ harvesting in China, particularly from practitioners of the banned religious sect, Falun Gong, and the Uighur ethnic minority.

China reportedly plans to abolish organ harvesting of death-row inmates within the next five years.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY
Sherleen M. Osman, MD, second from right, receives a plaque of appreciation from Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta, second from left, during the first year anniversary celebration of the hemodialysis unit on Wednesday. Others in photo, from left, are governor's special adviser for Medicaid Esther Muña, unit manager Karlo Reyes III, and partly hidden at the back is BEH director John Tagabuel.

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WELCOME TO SAIPAN!
A warm *hafa adai* and welcome to Virginia Sevilla, who arrived on Saipan on Sept. 14 for a short visit. Greetings come from your son, Teodoro Orbeta.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday to Leonor "Ellen" T. Barcinas, who is celebrating her birthday today, Sept. 15, 2012! May God bless you always and enjoy your special day. We love you so much! Greetings come from your loving daughter and husband, Remy Mae and Ben.

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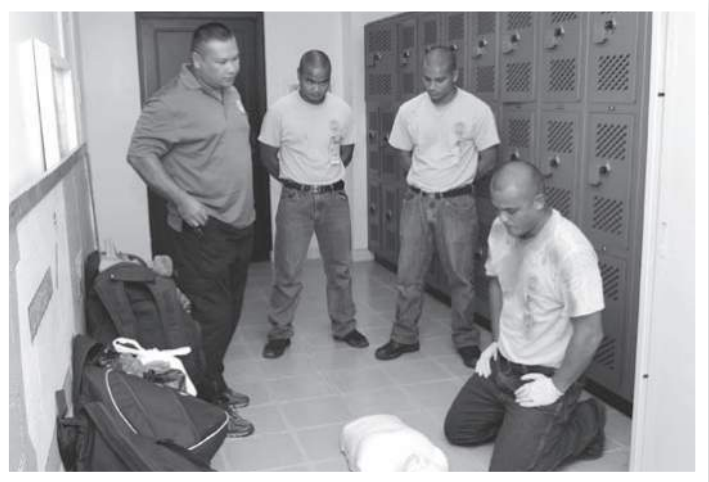
Happy 4th birthday to our debu! Tyreen Mercedes Dela Rosa Aguon. We hope you have a great one. we love you. greetings from your Handsome Rhian Napu, Mommy, Mommy Beng, Uncle Nunu and your Sablan & Dela Rosa families

FIRST AID TRAINING
John Aguon, second from right, an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter and an American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response instructor, trains cadets of the ARFF academy on how to properly assess a victim needing first aid and CPR, Thursday, Sept. 13, at the ARFF facility on Airport Road. The emergency medical response course is the highest certification offered by ARC to professional rescuers such as firefighters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS-NMI CHAPTER

Philip Aldan, left, an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter and an American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response instructor, conducts CPR training for ARFF cadets, Thursday, Sept. 13, at the ARFF facility on Airport Road. The EMR course, which is approximately 55 hours, is the third and final course needed by cadets to pass to earn the title of Aircraft Rescue Firefighter.

AMERICAN RED CROSS-NMI CHAPTER



An Aircraft Rescue Firefighter cadet, who is enrolled in the ARFF academy, does an initial assessment of a victim as William Camacho, left, an Aircraft Rescue Firefighter and an American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response instructor, facilitates the emergency scenario, Thursday, Sept. 13, at the ARFF facility on Airport Road. The academy has 26 enrollees consisting of people from Saipan, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, and the Marshall Islands.

AMERICAN RED CROSS-NMI CHAPTER



Business

More expensive gas pushes up US wholesale prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharp rise in gasoline costs drove up U.S. wholesale prices last month by the most in more than three years. But outside energy and food, price gains were mild.

The producer price index, which measures price changes before they reach the consumer, jumped 1.7 percent in August, the Labor Department said Thursday. The increase was mostly because gas prices soared 13.6 percent, the biggest gain in three years.

Food prices rose 0.9 percent, driven by steep increases in the cost of eggs and dairy products. Excluding the volatile food and gas categories, core wholesale prices rose only 0.2 percent, below July's increase.

The government will issue its August report on consumer prices Friday.

In the past 12 months, wholesale prices have increased 2 percent, a mild gain and far below the recent peak of 7.1 percent in July 2011. Core wholesale prices have risen 2.5 percent in the past year, the same annual pace as in July.



In this Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, file photo, Caleb Tollefson stocks a display of nectarines and peaches at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Food prices are likely to rise further in the coming months as the Midwest drought has made corn, soybeans and other grains much more expensive. Sweet corn prices jumped 44 percent last month, the most in a year and a half.

Higher corn prices raise costs for many different foods on grocery store shelves. Corn is used to make everything from cosmetics to cereal, soda, cake mixes and candy bars. It is also used as a feed for cattle and hogs. That means more expen-

sive corn can also push up beef and pork prices.

A measure of food prices in earlier stages of processing rose 2.4 percent last month, the biggest gain in about 18 months. The increase was mostly because the cost of animal feed rose.

Gas prices have rebounded after falling from nearly \$4 a gallon (3.7 liters) in the spring. Prices at the pump averaged \$3.87 a gallon nationwide Thursday. That's 17 cents higher than a month earlier.

Hurricane Isaac sends US jobless claims up to 382K

WASHINGTON (AP)—The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits jumped to the highest weekly level in two months, although the figures were skewed in part by Hurricane Isaac.

Applications increased by 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 382,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's up from 367,000 the previous week. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased for the fourth straight week to 375,000.

Isaac made landfall as Category 1 hurricane on Aug. 28 in Louisiana and was later downgraded to a tropical storm. It disrupted work in nine states and boosted applications by roughly 9,000, Labor officials said.

Applications for unemployment benefits reflect the pace of layoffs.

The data on unemployment applications follow last week's weak August employment re-

port. The report comes as the Federal Reserve concludes a two-day meeting Thursday. Many analysts expect the central bank will announce new steps to boost the economy, which could include a third round of Treasury bond purchases. The goal would be to lower interest rates and spur more borrowing and spending.

Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said that after excluding the impact of the hurricane, applications are likely closer to 370,000. Still, the job market has shown little vigor this year.

"While today's reading was likely exaggerated, and we do not believe the labor market is weakening, the trend has been and still is weak enough to trigger more Fed easing today," O'Sullivan said.

Employers added only 96,000 jobs in August, below

July's gain of 141,000 and far below the average 226,000 a month added in the January-March quarter.

The unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because the number of people working or looking for work fell.

The total number of people receiving unemployment aid fell to 5.4 million in the week ending Aug. 25, the latest data available. That's about 80,000 fewer than the previous week. Some of the decline may result from more people getting jobs. But many recipients are using up all the benefits available to them.

Many economists have noted that while layoffs are falling, overall hiring isn't picking up at the same pace. A separate monthly report from the Labor Department this week showed that layoffs were at the lowest level in July for the 11 years the government has tracked the data.

watching features, will be enough to surpass them.

Bank of America settles discrimination allegations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bank of America has agreed to settle allegations by the government that the financial institution discriminated against mortgage loan applicants with disabilities by asking them to provide medical information from a doctor. The Justice Department said that in asking for the information, the bank violated the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act on the basis of disability. In an effort to identify victims, Bank of America will hire an administrator to search 25,000 loan applications involving income from Social Security Disability Insurance.

Nation

Romney criticizes Obama on economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama of "failing American workers" by ignoring Chinese trade violations, and seized on new Federal Reserve attempts to boost the economy as proof the administration's policies are not working.

The Republican candidate shifted his focus back to more comfortable ground on Thursday—the struggling American economy—after a one-day campaign detour into a foreign-policy



Romney

thicket that left him bruised and Obama largely unscathed.

Romney made little mention during the day of the events in Egypt and Libya that he had cited Tuesday as evidence of national security weakness on the president's part. Democrats have derided Romney's remarks as inaccurate and evidence that the Republican nominee is an unsteady inter-

national leader. Even some Republicans said Romney spoke too hastily, although others defended him.

The economy has long been Romney's strongest area, with polls suggesting a majority of voters consider the multimillionaire businessman better qualified than Obama to put the U.S. back on the road to prosperity. With the unemployment rate hovering stubbornly above 8 percent, the economy is also the No. 1 issue for voters.

The debate over thickened that left him bruised and Obama largely unscathed. Romney made little mention during the day of the events in Egypt and Libya that he had cited Tuesday as evidence of national security weakness on the president's part. Democrats have derided Romney's remarks as inaccurate and evidence that the Republican nominee is an unsteady inter-

the Middle East turmoil intruded, though, when a heckler at Romney's rally yelled out, "Why are you politicizing Libya?" The crowd responded with chants of "U-S-A" and supporters tried to place a Romney placard in front of the heckler's face.

"We're going to crack down on China," the former Massachusetts governor vowed in an

appearance in the Virginia suburbs around Washington, D.C. He spoke after his campaign unveiled a television commercial claiming that China has outpaced the United States in new manufacturing jobs since the president took office. "Seven times Obama could have stopped China's cheating. Seven times he refused," it says.

The president pushed back. White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters that all the actions the administration has initiated at the World Trade Organization to rein in China have been successful. The president's campaign said Obama has brought as many cases challenging China trade policies in 3 1/2 years as former President George W. Bush did in eight.

Obama campaigned as commander in chief after the violent deaths of four U.S. officials at a diplomatic post in Libya. "No act of terror will go unpunished ... no act of violence shakes the resolve of the United States of America," he said.

US braces for more violence from anti-Muslim film

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration braced for another potential eruption of violent demonstrations in parts of the Muslim world after Friday's weekly prayers—traditionally a time of protest in the Middle East and North Africa—in the wake of the Sept. 11 attack against the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that killed the ambassador and three other Americans.

Angry demonstrations over an anti-Islam video already have occurred in Egypt and Yemen, and officials theorize that well-armed Libyan extremists hijacked a similar protest in Benghazi, where several Libyan security guards also were killed. The U.S. put all of its diplomatic missions overseas on high alert, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered an explicit

denunciation of the video as the administration sought to pre-empt further turmoil at its embassies and consulates.

"The United States government had absolutely nothing to do with this video," she said before a meeting with the foreign minister of Morocco at the State Department. "We absolutely reject its content and message."

"To us, to me personally, this video is disgusting and reprehensible," Clinton said. "It appears to have a deeply cynical purpose: to denigrate a great religion and to provoke rage."

U.S. officials said they suspect that the attack at the Benghazi consulate, which had also been the target of an unsuccessful attack in June, may have been only tangentially related to the film.

They also stressed there had been no advance warning or

intelligence to suggest a threat in Libya that would warrant boosting security, even on the 11th anniversary of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"As we did with all of our missions overseas, in advance of the September 11 anniversary and as we do every year, we did evaluate the threat stream and we determined that the security at Benghazi was appropriate for what we knew," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

The intelligence leading up to the attacks will be examined to "see if there was any way of forecasting this violence," as in any violent incident, House Intelligence Committee member Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said in an interview Thursday. But he said the focus now "has to be on finding out who is responsible and bringing them to justice."

ACROSS THE NATION

Man arrested in Central Park attack on woman, 73

NEW YORK (AP)—A heavily tattooed homeless man with a history of violence was arrested Thursday on charges he retaliated against a 73-year-old birdwatcher who took a compromising photo of him by brutally raping her in broad daylight in a normally serene part of Central Park. Three rookie police officers took David Albert Mitchell into custody on Wednesday night after spotting him walk-

ing on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, not far from where the woman said the attack occurred. The woman picked the 42-year-old Mitchell out of a lineup on Thursday, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.

Great Dane from Michigan is world's tallest dog

OTSEGO, Michigan (AP)—The Guinness World Records 2013 book published Thursday recognizes Zeus, a Great Dane from the U.S. state of

Michigan, as the world's Tallest Dog. The 3-year-old measures 44 inches (1.1 meters) from foot to shoulder.

Standing on his hind legs, Zeus stretches to 7-foot-4 (2.23 meters) and towers over his owner, Denise Doorlag. Zeus is just an inch (2.54 centimeters) taller than the previous record-holder, Giant George. Zeus weighs 155 pounds (70 kilograms) and eats a 30-pound (14-kilogram) bag of food every two weeks. Doorlag says she had to get a van to be able to transport Zeus.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Nintendo's Wii U to launch Nov. 18, start at \$300

NEW YORK (AP)—Nintendo has a knack for changing the course of video games, appealing to the masses from kids to grandparents even if its technology isn't the most advanced. The creator of "Mario Bros." and "Donkey Kong" said Thursday that it will launch its first high-definition gaming console on Nov. 18 in the U.S., later that month in Europe and on Dec. 8 in Japan. It's the first major game console to launch in years. But Nintendo is merely catching up on HD with Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp., which began selling their own HD consoles six and seven years ago, respectively. The question is whether a touch-screen tablet controller, coupled with TV-

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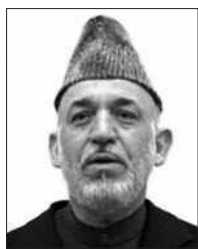
Afghan president postpones trip over prophet film

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan president canceled his official visit to Norway amid concerns following Mideast riots over a film that ridicules Islam's Prophet Muhammad, officials said Thursday. Hamid Karzai also talked to President Barack Obama and expressed condolences over the killing of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in Libya.

President Karzai's trip to Norway is to take place at a later date, said his spokesman, Aimal Faizi. The Norwegian Foreign Ministry said the Afghan leader postponed the trip because he felt he needed to stay at home.

"The reason is that the president, in light of the serious events in some Arab countries in the past day, sees a need to be in Afghanistan," said the Norwegian statement. Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre said he looks forward to receiving Karzai in Norway "at a later date."

Karzai was to have traveled to Oslo late Wednesday to sign an agreement of strategic partnership.



Karzai

According to Karzai's office, the Afghan leader spoke by phone late Wednesday with Obama and conveyed his condolences for the violent killings of U.S. diplomats in Libya. He also discussed the "film and the insulting of holy Islamic values," but the statement provided no other details.

Karzai has condemned the anti-Islam film as "inhuman and insulting" and made by "extremists." On Wednesday, the government temporarily blocked access to YouTube to prevent people from watching the video until the website later took it down.

The Taliban have called on their fighters to avenge the film by increasing their attacks on foreign troops in Afghanistan.

So far, there have been no protests in Afghanistan against the movie that depicts Muhammad and portrays him as a womanizer and a madman.

An Afghan cleric mentioned it in a speech Thursday during a commemoration of the death of a revered Shiite imam. The cleric,

Sayyed Eisa Hossaini Mazari, told about 200 worshippers in a mosque west of Kabul that a "dirty American made a movie and it was put on YouTube" to spread anti-Islamic propaganda.

Mazari named the countries where protests against the film had occurred, but did not directly call for demonstrations in Afghanistan.

He told The Associated Press there will be protests if there is no "U.S. action against the movie."

At the headquarters of the U.S.-led military coalition in Kabul, Australian Army Brig. Gen. Roger Noble said Thursday that NATO had warned the international forces about the film. The alliance has also sought to deflect the potential for violence in Afghanistan over the film.

"What we're trying to do is minimize the chance of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, or inadvertently putting ourselves in a position which might inflame a protest or people who gather together in the next few days," said Noble, deputy to the deputy chief of staff for operations for the coalition.

Rights group: Thai refugee policies inadequate

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand should consider granting refugee status to more than 1 million people who have fled from neighboring Myanmar and are vulnerable to abuse under their current status, a human rights group said on Thursday.

New York-based Human Rights Watch also suggested in its report the U.N.'s refugee agency be more assertive in certifying that many of those who have left their homeland are genuine asylum-seekers in need of protection.

HRW's refugee program director Bill Frelick said Thursday the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees has not been exercising its mandate to defend refugees in a country with inadequate refugee laws.

"UNHCR has more power

than it's willing to acknowledge. It has to flex its muscle. It thinks it doesn't have any muscle at all," Frelick said. "(It seems) to be convinced that a quiet approach is an effective approach and we are not convinced of that."

Thailand has not ratified the so-called 1951 Refugee Convention that defines who is a refugee, their rights and legal obligations of governments toward them. It also has prohibited the U.N. agency from carrying out refugee determination procedures for asylum seekers from Myanmar, Laos and North Korea.

Frelick said Thailand now restricts movement of about 140,000 people who live in border refugee camps and are barred from working.

Those living outside camps are barred from being granted the protection of refugee status and are at risk of getting deported on the charges of illegal entry.

"To its credit, Thailand is waiting to see how the situation in Burma develops and it does not appear to be pushing for the hasty return of Burmese refugees," Frelick said, referring to the country and its citizens by their former names.

In a response, the foreign ministry quoted Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra as saying Thailand will continue its support for the displaced persons from Myanmar "until they can return home in safety and dignity or other durable solutions can be found for them."

matra. The Indonesian agency said the earthquake was felt in the cities of Padang and Bengkulu and along the southern coast of Sumatra.

Indian police say top Kashmiri rebel arrested

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Indian police have arrested one of the longest-surviving rebel commanders in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir, authorities said Thursday. Indian Kashmir's police chief, Ashok Prasad, told The Associated Press that Merajuddin Wani had been operating from

neighboring Nepal for nearly 15 years. He said Wani was involved in espionage against India and also channeled finances to half a dozen militant groups active in the disputed Himalayan area. Prasad said Wani has also claimed to have been associated with five militants who hijacked an Indian Airlines plane flying from Nepal's capital, Katmandu, to New Delhi in 1999. But Prasad said his role in that attack was unclear and was being investigated. There was no independent verification of the police claims.

World



Yemenis protest in front of the U.S. Embassy about a film ridiculing Islam's Prophet Muhammad, in Sanaa, Yemen, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012.

US consulate attack in Libya said twin operation

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—Heavily armed militants used a protest of an anti-Islam film as a cover and may have had help from inside Libyan security in their deadly attack on the U.S. Consulate, a senior Libyan official said Thursday.

As Libya announced the first four arrests, the clearest picture yet emerged of a two-pronged assault with militants screaming "God is great!" as they scaled the consulate's outer walls and descended on the compound's main building.

The rampage killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Eastern Libya's deputy interior minister, Wanis el-Sharef, said a mob first stormed the consulate Tuesday night and then, hours later, raided a safe house in the compound just as U.S. and Libyan security arrived to evacuate the staff.

That suggested, el-Sharef said, that infiltrators within the security forces may have tipped off the militants to the safe house's location.

The attacks were suspected to have been timed to coincide with the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist strike in the United States, el-Sharef added, with the militants using the film protest by Libyan civilians to mask their action.

Killed in the attack were U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, information management officer Sean Smith, and private security guards Glen Doherty and Tyrone S. Woods.

El-Sharef said four people were arrested at their homes Thursday, but he refused to give any further details. He said it was too early to say if the suspects belonged to a particular group or what their motive was. Libya's new prime minister, Mustafa Abu-Shakour, said authorities were looking for more suspects.

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One of five private security guards at the consulate said the surprise attack began around 9:30 p.m. when several grenades that were lobbed over the outer wall exploded in the compound and bullets rained down.

The guard was wounded in the left leg from shrapnel. He said he was lying on the ground, bleeding and in excruciating pain when a bearded gunman came down the wall and shot him twice in the right leg, screaming: "You infidel, you are defending infidels!"

"Later, someone asked me who I was. I said I was the gardener and then I passed out. I woke up in hospital," said the guard, who spoke to The Associated Press from his bed at a Benghazi hospital. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared reprisals and reprimands from his employers.

The witness account came as protests of the obscure film, "Innocence of Muslims," continued in the Middle East.

An angry throng broke into the U.S. Embassy in Yemen, and clashes between security forces and demonstrators near the fortress-like embassy compound in the heart of Cairo left nearly 200 people injured and two police trucks burned.

Speaking at his Benghazi office, el-Sharef, who was running the Interior Ministry's operations room commanding security forces in the city during the attack, gave the most detailed account to date to come out of Libya of what happened the night of the attack. His version, however, leaves some questions unanswered and does not provide a definitive explanation on the motives behind the attack and the identity of the perpetrators.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Some

Libyan officials have pointed the finger at a hardline Islamist militia, the Ansar al-Shariah Brigades, one of multiple Libyan militias operating in the city. A spokesman for the group lavishly praised the assault for "protecting the faith and fighting for the victory of God Almighty." But he said the Brigades "did not participate as an organization. This was a popular uprising."

Adding to the confusion surrounding the attack is that it targeted the United States, a nation that played a key role in ridding the oil-rich, mostly desert nation of dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Washington also took the lead in launching the months-long NATO air campaign that crippled the late leader's forces.

Stevens was credited by most Libyans with organizing a political front made up of opposition groups to unite the uprising against Gadhafi's 41-year rule, mediating tribal and regional disputes.

The Benghazi attack also underlined the precarious conditions in Libya nearly a year after Gadhafi's fall, with a weak central government, militias operating as local governments, a destabilizing proliferation of weapons, and militant groups—some inspired by al-Qaida—that are active under the government's radar.

Stevens and another American were killed in the consulate during the initial violence, as plainclothes Libyan security were evacuating the consulate's staff to the safe house about a mile away, el-Sharef said. The second assault took place several hours later and targeted the safe house—a villa inside the grounds of the city's equestrian club—killing two Americans and wounding a number of Libyans and Americans.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Strong earthquake hits parts of western Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A strong undersea earthquake has hit parts of western Indonesia, but no tsunami warning was issued and there have been no immediate reports of damage or casualties. The U.S. Geological Survey says Friday's 6.2-magnitude quake struck at a depth of 20 kilometers (12 miles). Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency says it was centered about 160 kilometers (100 miles) southeast of Mentawai island, off western Su-

Youngstyle

Stuffed toys ease anxiety of young crime victims



Rough Rider Chuck Hollweg, right, gives Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco an honorary Rough Riders medallion while dropping off 365 stuffed toys to help comfort traumatized children at crime scenes.

By **EDDIE DANIELS**
THE TAMPA TRIBUNE

NEW PORT RICHEY, Florida—It sounds simple enough, handing a child a stuffed animal at a crime scene. But that very act can lead to a bridge built between law enforcement and community members.

"If you have a child that's hesitant to make contact with you, it helps build a rapport with them in case we have to interview them about seeing something or being a victim," said Sgt. Sharon Foshey of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit. "It also gives them something to remember law enforcement members by on a positive side," she said.

"We go out to houses where we are arresting parents in front of kids, which we try not to do right in front of the kids, but sometimes they'll see mommy

or daddy in a set of handcuffs. So instead of just thinking negative of law enforcement, maybe it'll help say, hey, all cops aren't bad. It'll give them somewhat of a positive image of law enforcement other than just taking mommy or daddy away," Foshey said.

Thursday morning, Chuck Hollweg of the Rough Riders dropped off 10 bags of stuffed animals to the agency's New Port Richey location. The 365 animals will be used by patrol deputies, Child Protective Investigations and Victims Advocate Care units to ease the nerves of children and adults who have either been the victim of or have witnessed something traumatizing.

Doug Tobin, sheriff's public information officer, the agency conducts 4,000 investigations a year involving child abuse.

"I think a lot of times when we

talk about crime, when we talk about victims, we forget about the little children," Sheriff Chris Nocco said. "You forget about that child who just saw their parents go through a physical, knock-down, drag-out fight.

"When their family (member) or father is arrested because he's selling drugs, there's a little victim left behind. There's that little small child who never comprehends what's going on. If law enforcement can present them a teddy bear, we're building a bond," Nocco said.

The stuffed animal giveaway is something the Rough Riders do during the year with the help of numerous area businesses. The group also makes hospital trips during the holidays to give stuffed animals to children.

"We just like to do it," Hollweg said when asked why the Rough Riders do this. "It's

important that we support the Tampa Bay community."

Hollweg said they hand out about 18,000 teddy bears a year.

Foshey admits the giving isn't solely to benefit those in the community. Sometimes, it's a form of therapy for law enforcement members.

Four years ago, Foshey responded to a scene where a mother overdosed from prescription pills and died. The mother's child cradled up, laying on her to fall asleep. She was found by her boyfriend.

The stuffed animal didn't repair the heartbreak, but it was a small gesture. "That child was too young to really know what was going on, but it also provides us comfort, that we're trying to help out the family any way that we can," Foshey said.

Donations can be made to the Rough Riders clubhouse, 601 N. 19th St., Ybor City.

Not enough toy sales: 'Dark of the Moon' a failure; 'TF4' to feature new robots

Those who recall the original "Transformers" cartoon from way back in the 1980s will remember that the whole idea behind the series was to sell Hasbro toys. Fast forward to today, and we find that Hasbro was not that pleased with the results of "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," and things will change with the still-untitled fourth film.

As revealed Tuesday on the Transformers fansite TFW2005,

the movie did quite well (as evidenced by a global take of \$1.12 billion). However, there's more to the results of the movie than meets the eye.

The main thrust of the movie, selling toys, didn't work out so well.

Hasbro, though, believes it knows why. The first three films in the franchise featured basically the same robots. There was no impetus to buy new

Transformer toys. That is why the fourth film, still being called "Transformers 4," will "have a new cast of [robot] characters and it will be a story revolving around these new characters."

OK, Hasbro, let us just say one thing: don't kill Optimus Prime as they did in the Generation 1 movie. That was just horrible, and required a resurrection to restore the rightful leader of the Autobots (sorry, Rodimus

Prime just did not cut it).

We still don't know a real set of stars for the film, at least in terms of robotic stars. We'd rather see Optimus Prime, but it's possible that the story will feature all new robots created for the new movie, with no historical ties to the franchise.

Ehren Kruger is drafting the screenplay with a planned release date of June 27, 2014. (www.examiner.com)

Science Matters

Tiny glucose sensor

With a new nano-sized biosensor, diabetes patients could test their glucose levels from the fluid from their tears and be freed from constant blood testing.

Chip inside biosensor is 2 mm (1/12 in.) long, controls entire process



Biosensor placed next to eye

Currently, diabetics have to place a tiny drop of blood on a test strip several times a day

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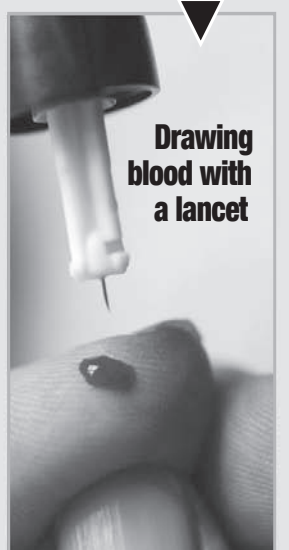
2 Electronic circuit measures amount of hydrogen peroxide

3 Chip converts data to digital signal, transmits it constantly to external receiver

4 Battery in sensor is charged with radio energy sent from receiver

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Drawing blood with a lancet

First Year Death Anniversary



In Loving Memory of

Rosita Borja Deleon Guerrero

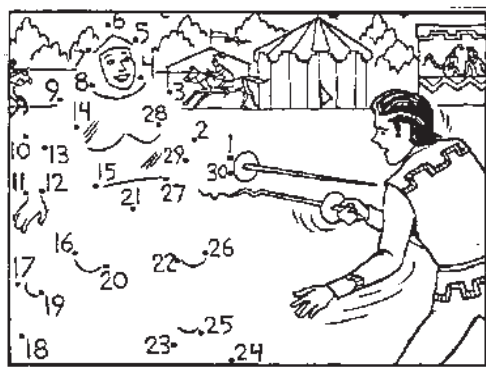
We, the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Nightly mass is offered through Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

From Joaquin I. Deleon Guerrero and Family



DUEL CONTROL! Unfair! One person above seems to have a big advantage. Draw lines dot to dot to complete picture.

DUD LETTER! Just scrutinize this sentence very carefully and it can be quickly determined which letter of the alphabet is missing. Which letter? Answer in 30 seconds.

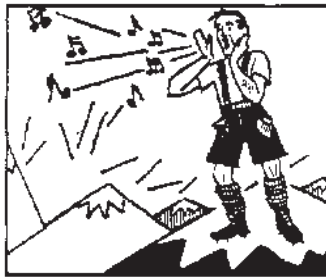
UFO A-GOGO! A skywatcher claims to have spotted a formation of nine unidentified objects (see diagram), each bearing a respective number, with numbers of each row of three having a total of 33.

Unfortunately, our pal could not recall exactly where each of the numbers appeared in the group. See if you can puzzle it out.

Hint: Find the center number, and the rest is relatively easy. Remember, each row totals 33. Each number shown is used once.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



PONDER THESE NO-SEE-'EMS!

SEE HERE, folks, you may not be able to see what's described below, but all four subjects, assuredly, are familiar ones. How quickly can you identify them?

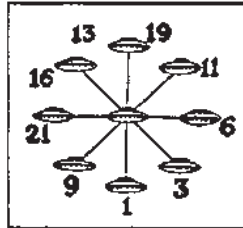
1. Though I can't be seen by you at all, I can be heard and will return your call. (See Illustration.)

2. Hellos, good-byes, and in love I'm dwelt, I can't be seen, but I can be felt.

3. I walk, I run, I work, I play, but I can't be seen on a cloudy day.

4. I'm something that no one ever yet did see, that never was, but always will be.

Out of sight, out of mind? You decide.



Answers: 1. An echo. 2. A kiss. 3. A shadow. 4. Tomorrow. Or did you guess other?

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was American actress, screenwriter and notorious sex symbol Mae West who made the following sage observation: "You only live once. But if you do it right, once is enough."

■ At the 2012 USA Memory Championship, Nelson Dellis set a new record for the memorization of random digits. At the annual event in New York City, Dellis accurately recalled a whopping 303 numbers in sequence.

■ The Rose Parade, popularly known as America's New Year Celebration, was originally started in 1890. These days, hundreds of thousands of people crowd the parade route each year, and millions more view the television broadcast worldwide. The amount of work that goes into the display is astonishing: Each float has anywhere from 30,000 to 150,000 flowers on it, which are applied during the 700 to 900 hours spent on preparing each float.

■ Beloved film icon James Dean was missing his front teeth; he had to wear a bridge to fill the gap in his smile.

■ If you're like the average American, at least one-tenth of the garbage you produce is made of plastic.

■ The first sound recording ever made was created in 1877 by Thomas Edison. It was a musical selection: "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

■ Those who study such things say that American English has roughly 20 swear words (depending, of course, on how one defines swearing). In contrast, residents of ancient Rome had a lexicon of about 800 "dirty" words to draw upon.

■ If you're planning a trip by air anytime soon, you might want to keep in mind that the busiest day in airports is Thursday.

Thought for the Day: "The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it." — Terry Pratchett

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MAGIC MAZE • — UP

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Conjure	Mark	Stir	Swell
Fatten	Measure	Stock	Tighten
Freshen	Scrub	Straighten	Touch
Grow	Splitting	Sunny-side	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

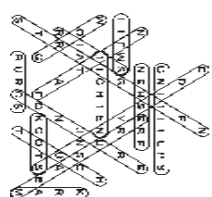
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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



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GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Proper leash training can prevent tragedy

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Last week a really tragic accident happened just down the street. Our neighbor was walking his 1-year-old German Shepherd, Champ, on a sturdy leash. The dog tended to tug on his leash or jump away from his owner when something grabbed his attention. Sadly, when the owner paused to let his dog sniff at a tree on the curb while he waved to a neighbor, Champ suddenly darted into the busy street. Before his owner could tug him back on the curb, Champ was struck by a car and killed almost instantly.

Please warn your readers to keep their dogs under control and on the sidewalk, even while on a leash, and to pay attention to their dogs during their walks. My neighbor is suffering terrible grief, and I hate to think of anyone else, or their pets, suffering from preventable accidents.—Sharon in Utica, N.Y.

DEAR SHARON: You're right: While accidents do happen, many can be prevented by knowing how to correctly walk your dog on a leash. Reinforcing your dog's basic obedience



training, including sit, stay and heel commands, is an important daily task.

If you're having trouble controlling your dog on the leash despite following common leash-training techniques, contact a professional dog trainer for group or private sessions so you and your dog will learn to walk together safely.

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Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Bring home country living

Raise chickens in your back yard in the city? "Why not?" said 36-year-old Alison Holmlund of Santa Cruz, Calif., when the opportunity came her way this past summer. The busy Silicon Valley software executive and mom of three kids under 5 might appear to have enough going on in her life without adding "chicken farmer" to her resume.

"I simply couldn't refuse when two adorable chicks became available for adoption after being lovingly cared for by children at a farmyard summer camp. I thought adding Ruby and Penny to our family would be a great way to help my city-raised kids better understand where their food comes from," she told me on a recent visit.

Just then, 3-year-old Jude announced that he found a "Penny egg" in the "Holmlund Hen House," a sturdy structure built with recycled paneling from a 1970s bedroom remodel, a repurposed refrigerator shelf for a screen, and simple knobs from a dilapidated cabinet. "It's so much fun for the boys to check for eggs during the day—sometimes we get up to four. Penny lays light-green-colored eggs, and Ruby's are brown," says Alison.

Raising chickens is a real-life application of recycling and learning about the food cycle. "We give them food scraps from our kitchen, and they fertilize the garden and eat pests," she adds.

Raising chickens might not be on your to-do list this fall, but there are other activities to bring home a bit of country life.

HARVEST FALL FINDS

While farmers bring in their crops, your pre-schoolers also can "harvest" natural items on walks. Look down and not

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

just up as you hunt for acorns, branches with berries, pinecones and fallen bark. As leaves turn brilliant colors, press them in a book between waxed paper when you get home. On a rainy day, make collages, necklaces, place cards and centerpieces for your kitchen table.

MAKE IT A COUNTRY WEEKEND

Spend a Saturday in the country and enjoy a prearranged farm tour for an



up-close look at farm life. Hang out with chickens, goats, cows and sheep. Climb in a hayloft. Or go to a pick-your-own farm to experience how fruit and vegetables are grown.

GARDEN IN YOUR BACKYARD

For nonstop learning, clean and dry remaining herbs growing in your garden. Pick the last sunflower, press and frame it. Till the soil and plant some bulbs for colorful blooms next spring.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Prince William's wife gives her 1st speech abroad

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Prince William's wife, Kate, stressed the importance of specialized medical care for seriously ill children Thursday in her first speech outside the United Kingdom.

The Duchess of Cambridge said while visiting a Malaysian hospice that "lives can be transformed" by providing places of support for child patients and their families.

The royal couple is on a nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

William and Kate arrived in Malaysia on Thursday after visiting Singapore. They had lunch with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and other government officials before visiting a hospice in a Kuala Lumpur suburb.

Kate delivered a nearly two-minute speech from a prepared text. She read slowly, looking up and smiling occasionally at the hospice's staff and patients.

Kate, who is patron of the East

Anglia Children's Hospice, a U.K.-based charity, said she was excited to be learning about Malaysia's first palliative care program for children.

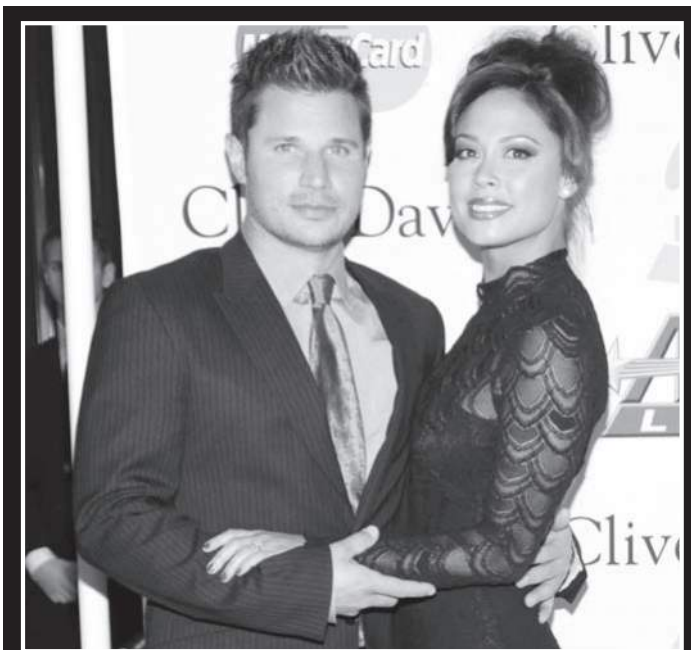
During a private visit inside the hospice, William and Kate chatted with young patients and drew on clay bricks. William drew a cat and mouse that resembled cartoon characters Tom and Jerry, while Kate drew a tree with birds flying above it, according to British Embassy representatives.

About 20 children from a nearby kindergarten waited for the couple to arrive outside the facility. Some waved Malaysian flags and a colorful banner that included the words "Welcome" and "We love you."

William and Kate visited the Kranji Commonwealth War Memorial in Singapore on Thursday and are scheduled to visit a Malaysian tropical jungle region on Borneo island before heading to the Solomon Islands on Saturday. They'll finish their tour in Tuvalu.



Kate



NEW BABY

This Feb. 12, 2011 file photo shows Nick Lachey, left, and Vanessa Lachey arriving at the Pre-Grammy Gala & Salute to Industry Icons with Clive Davis honoring David Geffen in Beverly Hills, Calif. They welcomed their first child, a son named Camden John, on Wednesday. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 21 inches. In a statement, the couple said: "Love has truly been redefined for both of us." The Lacheys wed in 2011. Last month, 38-year-old Nick Lachey reunited with his band, 98 Degrees, on the "Today" show and in concert in Hershey, Pa. He also competed on NBC's reality competition show "Stars Earn Stripes." Vanessa Lachey, 31, is a co-host on ABC's "Wipeout." The birth was reported on People.com.

Boyfriend won't stop using bathroom as his man cave

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for six years. We finally moved in together a year ago. Things have been going pretty well, with the exception of an unusual habit of his that has become more evident since living together. He spends anywhere from 45 minutes to 2 1/2 hours in the bathroom every day. A couple of times he has even



Dear Abby

fallen asleep in there. He takes his computer in the bathroom because he claims he gets a lot of work done. Some days I barely get to see him because he works late and then spends the rest of the day you-know-where.

I have told him more than once how much it bothers me, but he continues to do it. It's driving a wedge between us. Am I overreacting? Is he purposely trying to put space between us?

TIRED OF THE TOILET TURMOIL

DEAR TIRED: He may be using the bathroom as a refuge from more "togetherness" than he can handle, or he may be doing something on his computer that's more than work-related. I do think there is more going on than he's telling you, but in order to get to the bottom of it, you will have to convince him to open up and be honest. And no, I do not think that after having invested six years in this relationship you are "overreacting."

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl whose parents are divorced. When I was a baby, I lived with my grandma, but my mom took me back when I was 7 or 8.

My mother abused me while I was living with her, but nobody knew it. When I was 12, I was sent to my dad's for Christmas. By then he was on his third marriage. His new wife already had two kids.

While I was visiting, Mom called to make trouble for me. She said she was worried I might be messing around with boys she didn't approve of, and threatened to "beat me bloody" when she got hold of me. My dad went to court to see if I could stay with him permanently, and it turned out I could.

Now I'm having trouble with my stepmom and her kids. She thinks her two girls are little angels. She's mean to me and treats me like I'm doing something wrong all the time. I feel so alone.

Mom and Grandma want nothing to do with me. So, Abby, I have a few questions: Should I have a bad feeling about staying with my dad because of my stepmom? And, if I ever have my own kids, will I end up treating them like my mom treated me? Thank you for listening.

SAD TEEN, NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SAD TEEN: There are many loving and caring stepparents. I'm sorry that you have been shortchanged by the women in your life, all of whom may be less mature than you are at your tender age. You will have to look elsewhere for the mentoring you need from an adult — a teacher, a counselor, a coach, or even the mother of one of your friends.

Please don't be afraid that you will automatically repeat the cycle of abuse that you have suffered. You have learned firsthand how not to treat others. Many adults are able to give their children the parenting they didn't experience themselves. (My hat is off to all of them.)

P.S. Perhaps fathers should not automatically assume that second (or third) wives will be able to accept and love their children from a prior marriage. Blending families should be done with eyes wide open.

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Madsen released from hospital after Malibu arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Michael Madsen was released from a hospital after being arrested for investigation of drunken driving on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, his attorney said Thursday.

Madsen, 54, best known for the Quentin Tarantino movies "Reservoir Dogs" and "Kill Bill," had complained of an undisclosed medical problem following his arrest Wednesday

and has since been released, said lawyer Perry Wander.

Madsen was arrested after driving erratically in a red Pontiac GTO on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. In a preliminary test, he had a blood alcohol level of 0.21, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08, said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Wander said Madsen had been

taking prescription drugs that could have resulted in a faulty sobriety test.

"Michael has been on prescription medication that easily could have made him look to be under the influence and caused him to fail the sobriety test," Wander said.

In March, Madsen was arrested at his Malibu home after what detectives said was a drunken fight with his teenage

son, but prosecutors declined to file charges because of a lack of evidence.

Madsen has struggled with alcoholism and has been in and out of rehabilitation centers over the past several years, Wander said.

"His nemesis is white wine," Wander said. "Obviously he's going to have to utilize this experience to motivate him to get help. It's an ongoing battle."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Beyonce, Jay-Z to raise money for Obama

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's re-election campaign is getting a boost from pop stars Beyonce and Jay-Z. The superstar couple will hold a fundraiser with Obama on Tuesday at a swanky New York nightclub that Jay-Z owns. Tickets are 40,000 a pop, but the campaign says supporters can make a small donation for a chance to win two tickets—airfare and hotel included. Beyonce says in an email to Obama's supporters that she's a huge fan and will do whatever it takes to help him win a close race. This isn't the first time the Obamas have teamed up with the vocalist. Last month Michelle Obama gave Beyonce a hand with efforts to promote global humanitarianism. In May, Mrs. Obama said her dream job is to be a musician like Beyonce.

Roald Dahl stories coming out as e-books in US

NEW YORK (AP)—E-book fans in the U.S. can follow the adventures of Willy Wonka, the

Fantastic Mr. Fox and other Roald Dahl creations. Eight novels by the late British children's author are coming out digitally Thursday, on what would have been Dahl's 96th birthday, for the first time in the U.S. Penguin Young Readers Group announced that the books include "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "The Fantastic Mr. Fox" and "James and the Giant Peach." Dahl died in 1990. More than 25 million of his books are in print in the U.S. alone, according to Penguin.

'Time Traveler's Wife' coming out as e-book

NEW YORK (AP)—Next stop for "The Time Traveler's Wife": e-books. Zola Books said Thursday that nine years after its release in hardcover, Audrey Niffenegger's million-selling novel will come out digitally Oct. 10. The e-book will include new material written specially for the digital edition. "The Time Traveler's Wife" has sold more than 7 million copies worldwide and was made into a 2009 movie

starring Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams. Zola is a digital publisher and seller founded in 2011. The book was originally published by MacAdam/Cage.

Warrant issued for ex-Grateful Dead drummer Hart

HARRODSBURG, Kentucky (AP)—Police in Kentucky have a warrant for the arrest of former Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart stemming from an alleged assault after a recent show. Police Lt. Chad Powell told The Associated Press on Thursday that the warrant stems from an incident Saturday after a performance by the Mickey Hart Band at Terrapin Hill Farm in Harrodsburg. In an email from his publicist, Hart says he is "totally baffled" by the assault claim and says it is completely false and without any basis. Powell says that the investigation is ongoing and that the paperwork could not be released. County Attorney Ted Dean was in court Thursday morning and did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Hart played with the Grateful Dead from 1967 until 1995.

Barbra Streisand to help honor Marvin Hamlisch

NEW YORK (AP)—The Juilliard School plans a star-filled private musical tribute to Marvin Hamlisch that will include Barbra Streisand, Aretha Franklin and Liza Minnelli. The composer, who became the youngest person accepted by Juilliard at age 7, died Aug. 6 in Los Angeles. The memorial will be held Tuesday night at the school's Peter Jay Sharp Theater. Hamlisch composed or arranged hundreds of scores for musicals and movies, including "A Chorus Line" on Broadway and the films "The Sting," "Sophie's Choice" and "The Way We Were." Also slated to perform include Itzhak Perlman, Michael Feinstein, Chris Botti, Maria Friedman, Brian d'Arcy James and Carter Brey, as well as former cast members of "A Chorus Line" and cast members of "The Nutty Professor," the musical he was working on when he died.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



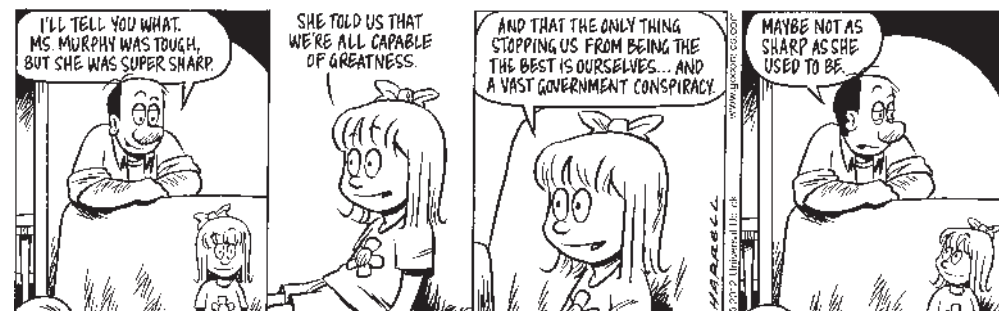
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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Year-end game
6 Farthest point
12 Girl in "Peanuts"
13 TV ad spokescat
14 More sore
15 Hitching posts?
16 Criterion
17 Wan
19 Shirt shape
20 Comic Idle
22 Not "post-"
24 Petrol
27 Taj Mahal locale
29 Nowhere near
32 Including the latest information
35 Adolescent
36 Abound
37 Super-man foe Luthor

DOWN

2 Ahs' mates
3 Upper crust
4 David — Roth
5 Unbending
6 Eastern nursemaid
7 Coral creature
8 Scrap
9 Appreciative
10 Green land
11 Being (Lat.)
12 Cistern dis-
18 Lengthy courses
21 "House That Jack Built" critter
23 Scooted
24 Eviscerate
25 Gorilla
26 Hurry
28 Cheese choice
30 Chowded down
31 Mystery writer
33 Indivisible
34 "— Little Teapot"
39 Venomous viper
41 Nerds brand
42 Computer
43 Hypnotist's look
45 Relaxation
47 21-Down's food
48 Handles
49 Collection
51 Singer DiFranco
53 Wish undone

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Prince Harry, 28; Tom Hardy, 35; Tommy Lee Jones, 66; Oliver Stone, 66.

Happy Birthday: You'll have too many choices hindering your ability to make up your mind and follow the path most beneficial to you. Don't jump at the first offer that comes your way. Wager the pros and cons of any decision you must make. It's all about choice this year, so take your time and be practical. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 25, 33, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go to the gym, spend the day at a spa or go shopping for something that will lift your spirits. Having lunch with a good friend or spending time with loved ones will lead to a better frame of mind. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your ideas, plans and thoughts into motion. A new job or project that offers more money and clout will be worth celebrating. A health or financial issue you have been dealing with must be approached differently if you want to find a solution. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a backseat and let someone else bear the burden of handling all the details. Concentrate on self-awareness. Love is in the stars and should take priority over business and professional dealings. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't procrastinate. Once you get your responsibilities out of the way, you will find everything else falls into place. Talk over any

concerns you have with a loved one and you will be able to resolve issues and find a workable solution. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need a change of pace and an adventure that will get your mojo working. Challenges and filling your time with activities that require both mental and physical agility will help bring you the satisfaction you need to engage in richer goals. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No matter how hard you try, you can expect to face some troubled spots. Too much of anything will work against you. Focus on what is practical and you will make headway. Physical alterations can be made. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Dealing with institutions or authority figures may be necessary if it concerns real estate, contracts or family members. Don't put added pressure on anyone else when it's up to you to make a decision and follow through. Take care of debts. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will dazzle onlookers if you put your expertise and common sense to work. A plan you have will pay off and show others what you are capable of doing. Take control and you will make a good impression. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't start trouble that has the potential to affect your future by raising questions about what you have been up to or are planning to do. Recognize the consequences of your actions before you proceed. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of personal affairs with speed and accuracy. Your professionalism will determine how much you can accomplish. There is money to be won or borrowed, so don't neglect to play the game or ask for a loan. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love may overrule making the right choice. Don't allow jealousy to step in and take over. Concentrate on what needs to be done without making a fuss. Once responsibilities are out of the way, you can take time out for romance. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll click with someone who has common interests if you network. Explore a partnership that offers benefits and the propensity to solve any problems standing between you and your goals. Speak from the heart and you'll seal a deal. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are strong-willed and always prepared. You are generous and intense.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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3	8		2		4				
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	6	5	4	7	3	1	2	8
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6	7	8	5	3	2	4	9	1
4	5	3	6	9	1	8	7	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 5 letters

J	L	F	M	A	T	C	H	I	N	G	R	E	E	N
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Yesterday's Answer: Original
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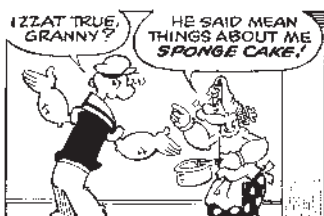
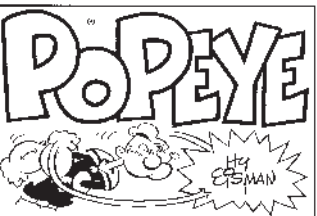
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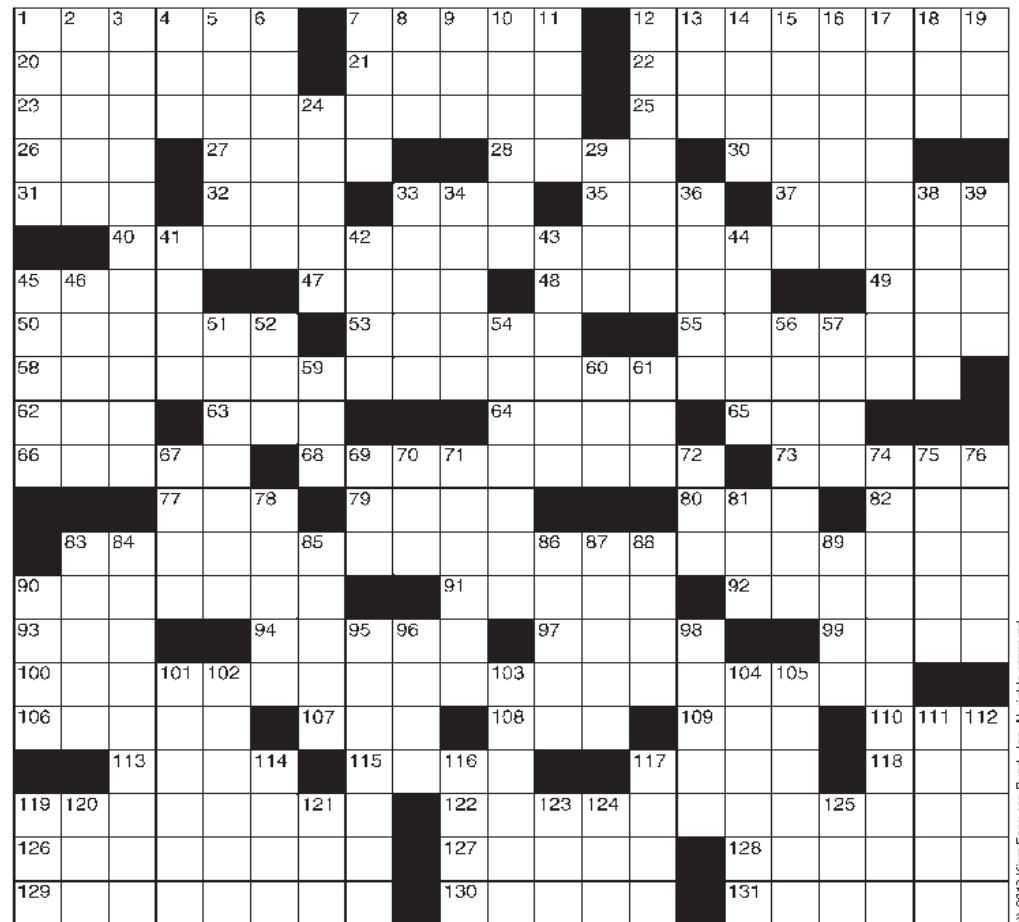
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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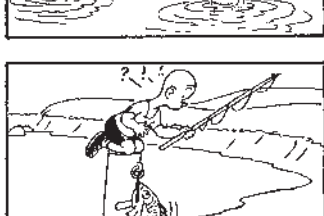
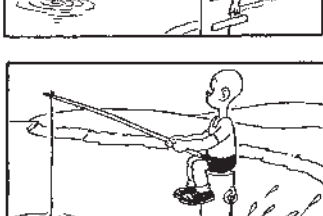
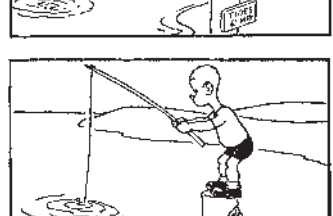
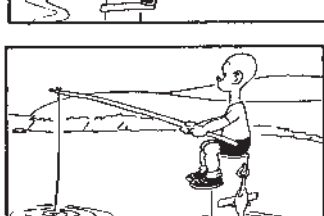
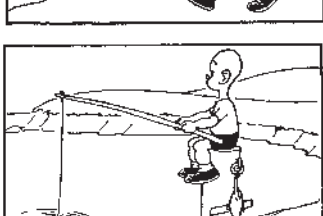
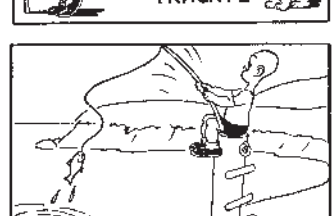
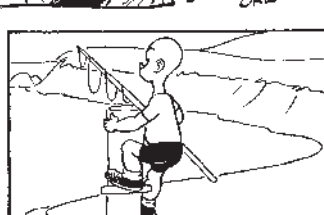
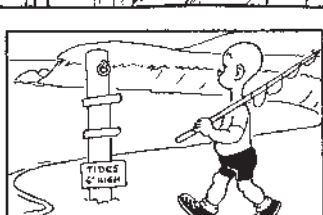
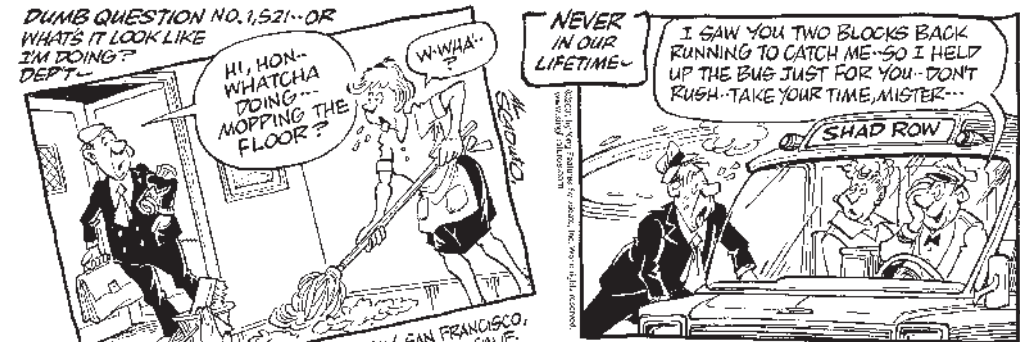
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Capital of Kazakhstan
7 Suffix with cyto-
12 South American capital
20 Bull's-eye (soft drink)
21 Mello —
22 Small wind instruments
23 Start of a riddle
25 Smart alecks
26 Bailed-out insurance co.
27 Cousin of -ette
28 Garment with a watch pocket
30 German city on the Rhein
31 Swinger's stat
32 Little fellow
33 "Cry — River"
35 Shielded
37 Milk, in Cádiz
40 Riddle, part 2
45 Dual radio designation
47 Manfred of rock
48 Final Greek letter
49 Pal, in Cannes
- 50 Sub meat
53 Northern French city
55 Spurred on
58 Riddle, part 3
62 Hem and — neutral
63 Brewing tank
64 Reverse or
65 No, in Scotland
66 Bordon's cow
68 Line of Swanson meals
73 Signs of fatigue before Q
77 Letters before Q
79 Figure skater
80 Even if, informally
82 — polloi
83 Riddle, part 4
90 Philanthropic giver
91 Free-for-all
92 Attend to
93 Hoppy quaff
94 Persian-founded religion
97 Fella
99 Ted Elliot
100 End of the riddle
106 Shorthand whiz
- 107 — Lanka
108 — Paul's (frozen fish brand)
109 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us")
110 Cash cache
113 Castro's land
115 Island of Hawaii
117 2007 A.L. MVP
118 British lav
119 Former Big Apple mayor
122 Riddle's answer
126 Spiritual being
127 Soft pillow fill
128 Waiting for a phone agent
129 Part of a U.S. political map
130 Very thick, as fog
131 Very little
- DOWN**
- 1 Really battling it out
2 Sir, in colonial India
3 Character defects that cause protagonists' downfalls
4 Show biz rep: Abbr.
5 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" director Mike
6 Lacking a key center, in music
7 Gomer of TV
8 Directed
9 Prince — Khan
10 Hungarian's neighbor
11 Little grimace
12 It's a shore thing
13 Here, in Haiti
14 Robin's face wear
15 Ocular ring
16 Young oinker
17 Speak articulately
18 Bit of sunlight
19 Naval vessel abbr.
24 Stop blocking, as a river
29 Noah's eldest son
33 See 96-Down
34 Bored feeling
36 "Eat up!"
38 "Iliad" author
39 Sooner city
41 Amo, amas, —
42 Ranch pal
43 Baboon, e.g.
44 Religious law
45 — crow flies
46 India's Taj —
51 Pack up and leave
52 — wink
54 Imprint on a hard surface
56 Colored marker brand
57 Brainchild
59 Biblical suffix
60 Golfer
61 "Mad About You" cousin
67 Cuzoo inhabitant
69 Hagen with three Tonys
70 Bread of India
71 Wallace's canine sidekick
72 To the — power
74 Game fish of California
75 Taboo deeds
76 Autographs
78 Delve into
81 Use an ax on
83 "Rooms —" (vacancy notice)
84 "Just a moment"
85 Devilkins
86 Composer Edward
87 Is very dizzy
88 Didn't stay
89 Chinese dynasty
90 Poppas
95 Insulin, e.g.
96 With 33-Down, most of Turkey is in it
98 Complete, briefly
101 Accoustics
102 Poet Burns
103 "Tex" actor
104 Isaac Asimov classic
105 Novelist
106 Gordimer
111 Hardware store buys
112 Fungus-infested
114 — mater
116 Wahines' guitars
117 "Give it —"
119 Spruce kin
120 Ending for opal
121 Ovid's lang.
123 End of a school URL
124 Lively energy
125 The woman



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They'll Do It Every Time



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who was England's first, unofficial poet laureate?
2. MUSIC: Which musical group had a hit with "Penny Lane"?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many meters are in an "are," a unit of land measurement?
4. INVENTIONS: Who invented

- frozen food in 1923?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which countries share the region of Patagonia?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone associated with July?
7. ASTRONOMY: The moon called Titan orbits which planet in our solar system?
8. HISTORY: In what year did Ohio's National Guard kill four war protesters at Kent State University?
9. MOVIES: Which Disney movie featured a character named Dory?
10. RELIGION: Who is the patron saint of carpenters?

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1. Ben Jonson
2. The Beatles
3. 100 square meters
4. Clarence Birdseye
5. Argentina and Chile
6. Ruby
7. Saturn
8. 1970
9. "Finding Nemo"
10. St. Joseph

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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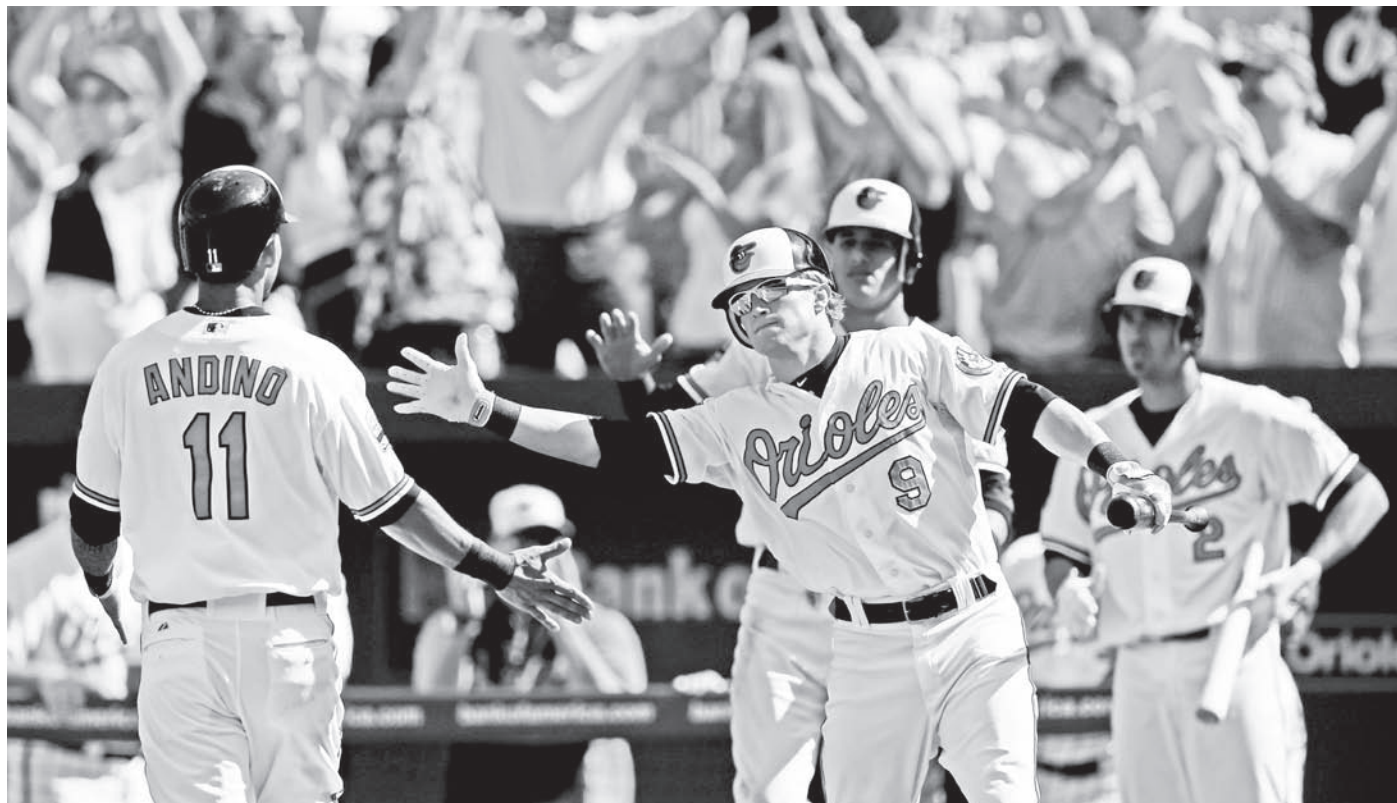
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Baltimore Orioles' Nate McLouth (9) greets Robert Andino at home plate after Andino and Manny Machado, not pictured, scored on a double by Taylor Teagarden in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Baltimore, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012.

Orioles defeat Ray in 14 innings

BALTIMORE (AP)—Manny Machado

blooped an RBI single that eluded left fielder Matt Joyce's desperate dive with two outs in the 14th inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 Thursday to complete a three-game sweep and remain atop the AL East.

With their 81st victory—and 13th in a row in extra innings—the Orioles are assured no worse than a .500 record for the first time since 1997. Baltimore (81-62) remained in a first-place tie with the New York Yankees.

In a 5-hour, 14-minute game, Chris Archer (0-3) walked Adam Jones with two outs in the 14th, Endy Chavez singled and Machado followed with a

soft liner toward the line that Joyce trapped.

Randy Wolf (2-0) struck out Joyce with two on in the top of the 14th. Baltimore has won 14 of 19 overall and is 26-11 since Aug. 3.

Yankees 2, Red Sox 0

In Boston, Derek Jeter shook off an injury to tie Willie Mays for 10th place on the career hits list, backing Phil Hughes and helping the Yankees to maintain a share of the AL East lead. New York won consecutive games for the first time in a month.

Hughes (15-12) gave up five hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out seven and walked one. Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his 38th save.

Jeter started at designated hitter after leaving Wednesday

night's 5-4 win when he pulled up lame lunging for first base trying to avoid a double-play grounder in the eighth.

Andruw Jones hit a fourth-inning sacrifice fly off Felix Doubront (10-9).

Angels 6, Athletics 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Jered Weaver (17-4) allowed two hits in seven innings and struck out nine in his first start since skipping a turn in the rotation because of biceps tendinitis.

Torii Hunter homered and added an RBI single in a six-run seventh as Los Angeles avoided a four-game sweep and remained 3½ games back for the AL's second wild-card berth.

The loss snapped Oakland's 12-game road winning streak, two

shy of the franchise record set by the Philadelphia Athletics in May 1931. The A's have been shut out a big league-high 16 times.

Brett Anderson (4-1) gave up five runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. A's rookie Yoenis Cespedes left midway through the fifth because of a sprained right wrist.

Indians 5, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, Jason Kipnis hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off Joe Nathan and the Indians snapped a five-game losing streak, beating the Rangers.

The Rangers remained three games ahead of Oakland in the AL West after the Athletics lost to the Los Angeles Angels.

Nathan (2-4) had converted a club-record 31 straight save

chances before the Indians erased a 4-2 deficit in the ninth.

Ezequiel Carrera homered leading off the ninth. Pinch hitter Russ Canzler singled and Kipnis homered off to chase Nathan, who did not record an out.

Scott Maine (1-0) got the final two outs in the eighth in his third appearance with the Indians this season.

Blue Jays 8, Mariners 3

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit his 40th home run, Adam Lind also connected and Toronto sent Felix Hernandez to his third straight loss.

Encarnacion hit a three-run drive into the second deck in left in a five-run fourth as the Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep. Lind hit a two-run shot in the first.

Hernandez (13-8) allowed a season-high seven runs and 10 hits in four innings. He has a 9.00 ERA in his last three outings, losing three consecutive starts for the first time since Sept. 12-24 last year.

Henderson Alvarez (9-12) allowed three runs in seven innings to beat his childhood idol. Both men were born in Valencia, Venezuela.

Twins 4, Royals 3, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Denard Span had a game-ending RBI double in the 10th inning and the Twins rallied for a victory over Kansas City.

Trailing 3-1, the Twins capitalized on a bases-loaded walk by Royals closer Greg Holland in the eighth and Trevor Plouffe's homer in the ninth to tie it.

Alexi Casilla led off 10th with a double to right-center off Francisley Bueno (1-1). Span got his winning hit.

Closer Glen Perkins (3-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Josh Willingham also connected for Minnesota and Salvador Perez had two RBIs for the Royals.

Cardinals 2, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Allen Craig drove in Shane Robinson with the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals extended their NL wild-card lead over Los Angeles to two games with a victory over the struggling Dodgers.

Lance Lynn (15-7) pitched six innings of five-hit ball to earn his first win since July 27 for the Cardinals, striking out seven in the All-Star's return to the rotation after a bullpen demotion.

Skip Schumaker had an early run-scoring single for St. Louis.

Adrian Gonzalez had an RBI double in the Dodgers' seventh loss in eight games.

St. Louis and Los Angeles had lost three straight and six of seven coming in.

Paco Rodriguez (0-1) and Ronald Belisario allowed the seventh-inning rally capped by Craig's RBI single.

Astros 6, Phillies 4

In Houston, pinch-hitter Jed Lowrie delivered a two-run double in the eighth inning and the Astros stung Philadelphia, rallying for a 6-4 victory that ended the Phillies' seven-game winning streak.

The Phillies' surge had pushed them within three games of St. Louis for the second NL wild-card spot.

Philadelphia couldn't hold an early 4-0 lead, and Lowrie's two-out put the Astros ahead 5-4.

Matt Dominguez hit a three-run homer for Houston, which has the worst record in the majors.

Phillippe Aumont (0-1) took over in the eighth with a 4-3 lead.

Wesley Wright (1-2) got the last two outs of the eighth for the win.

McIlroy: No decision on which flag for Rio



CARMEL, Indiana (AP)—One day Rory McIlroy was on top of the world, the next day he was caught in an identity crisis between two golfing nations.

"I was hoping that my success on the golf course would be the more popular topic of golfing conversation today," McIlroy said in a letter he posted Monday on Twitter.

Not long after he beat the strongest leaderboard of the year in the BMW Championship, McIlroy found himself in the middle of a debate over which flag he might represent when golf returns to the Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

The 23-year-old from Northern Ireland, already with two major championships and a No. 1 ranking by a widening margin, grew up "a proud product of Irish golf." Because his country is part of the United Kingdom, he also is eligible to play for Britain.

Stirring the debate was an interview with *The Daily Mail* in which McIlroy said he feels a greater connection with the UK than with Ireland.

"What makes it such an awful position to be in is I have grown up my whole life playing for Ireland under the Golfing Union of Ireland umbrella," he told the British newspaper. "But the fact is, I've always felt more British and Irish."

That led to speculation that McIlroy was laying the groundwork toward playing for Britain, and he quickly clarified his position, which remains on the fence.

"I wish to clarify that I have absolutely not made a decision regarding my participation in the next Olympics," McIlroy said. "On a personal level, playing in the Olympics would be a huge honor. However, the games in Rio are still four years away and I certainly won't be making any decisions with regards to participating any time soon."

His next event is the Tour Championship, where McIlroy is the No. 1 seed going into the FedEx Cup finale. Any of the top five seeds—Tiger Woods, Nick Watney, Phil Mickelson and Brandt Snedeker are the others—could capture the FedEx Cup and the \$10 million bonus by winning at East Lake.

As for the flag, what matters immediately to McIlroy is European blue at the end of the month in the Ryder Cup.

Beyond that, he already has become a global star.

All it took was four tournaments in five weeks for McIlroy to establish himself as the game's dominant player, which has been missing in golf since Woods went astray following the 2009 season.

He won by a record eight shots in the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island, making him the youngest player since Seve Ballesteros in 1980 with two majors. Then, he rallied from a three-shot deficit with a 67

on the final day at TPC Boston to capture the Deutsche Bank Championship. Six days later, he arrived at Crooked Stick, just north of Indianapolis, expecting nothing less than another trophy. He delivered a 67 on a final day that featured Woods, Phil Mickelson, Lee Westwood, Vijay Singh, Dustin Johnson and Adam Scott in contention.

Woods used to talk about being able to draw on the experience of winning so much. That's what McIlroy has going for him now.

"I feel like it's just coming to me naturally," McIlroy said Sunday. "The more that you're in that position, the more you're able to do it. You feel more comfortable doing it. All these feelings that I had today, I'm used to because I just had them last week. And the feelings that I had last week, I still was used to them because I only had them a couple weeks ago."

McIlroy paid his respects to Woods, his new BFF.

They have been inseparable in recent weeks, partly because their position in the FedEx Cup puts them in the same group for the opening rounds of these playoff events, though it goes beyond the golf course. One week, Woods was waiting in the back of the interview room as McIlroy finished up. Two weeks later, it was McIlroy who sat in the back of the room listening to Woods. They did a TV interview together after their opening round at Crooked Stick, then headed off to lunch together.

Woods raves about him, and even in defeat Sunday, he conceded that McIlroy was "putting on a show out there."

"He's going out there and is up near the lead and posts a good number," said Woods, who finished two shots behind McIlroy in Boston and three shots back in Indianapolis. "He's doing the things he needs to do. He's feeling very confident about his game. Right now, he's just really playing well, and he's making a ton of putts."

It's the first time in his career that Woods has finished

within three shots of the lead in consecutive events won by the same player. In the 14 tournaments they have both played this year, McIlroy has finished ahead in nine of them, including a 4-1 edge in wins.

McIlroy picked up his sixth career PGA Tour win, joining Woods (15) and Jack Nicklaus (8) as the only players since 1960 to win that many at age 23. McIlroy still has about eight months to go before turning 24. Better yet, he has four years to go before deciding which flag to carry at the Olympics.

For the moment, he belongs to the world.

"I receive huge support from both Irish and British sports fans alike and it is greatly appreciated," McIlroy said in his letter. "Likewise, I feel like I have a great affinity with American sports fans. ... As an international sportsman, I am very lucky to be supported by people all over the world, many of who treat me as one of their own, no matter what their nationality, or indeed mine. This is the way sport should be."

Packers run fake FG, beat Bears, 23-10



GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Four days after starting the season with a demoralizing defeat, Clay Matthews and the Green Bay Packers looked every bit like the team they were expected to be this season.

Maybe even better, at least on defense.

The Packers (1-1) pulled off a perfectly executed trick play, then rattled and robbed Jay Cutler the rest of the way in a 23-10 victory over the division rival Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field on Thursday night.

The win represented an impressive rebound from a season-opening loss to San Francisco. Had the Packers lost to the Bears, they would have fallen to 0-2, with both losses coming at home.

"Inside the facility, there wasn't any panic," Aaron Rodgers said. "Outside, I think people were worried if we lose to Chicago, you're kind of putting yourself behind the eight ball a little bit. Good win for us. We're 1-1. Again, it's one game. We need to get better on offense; defense played incredible."

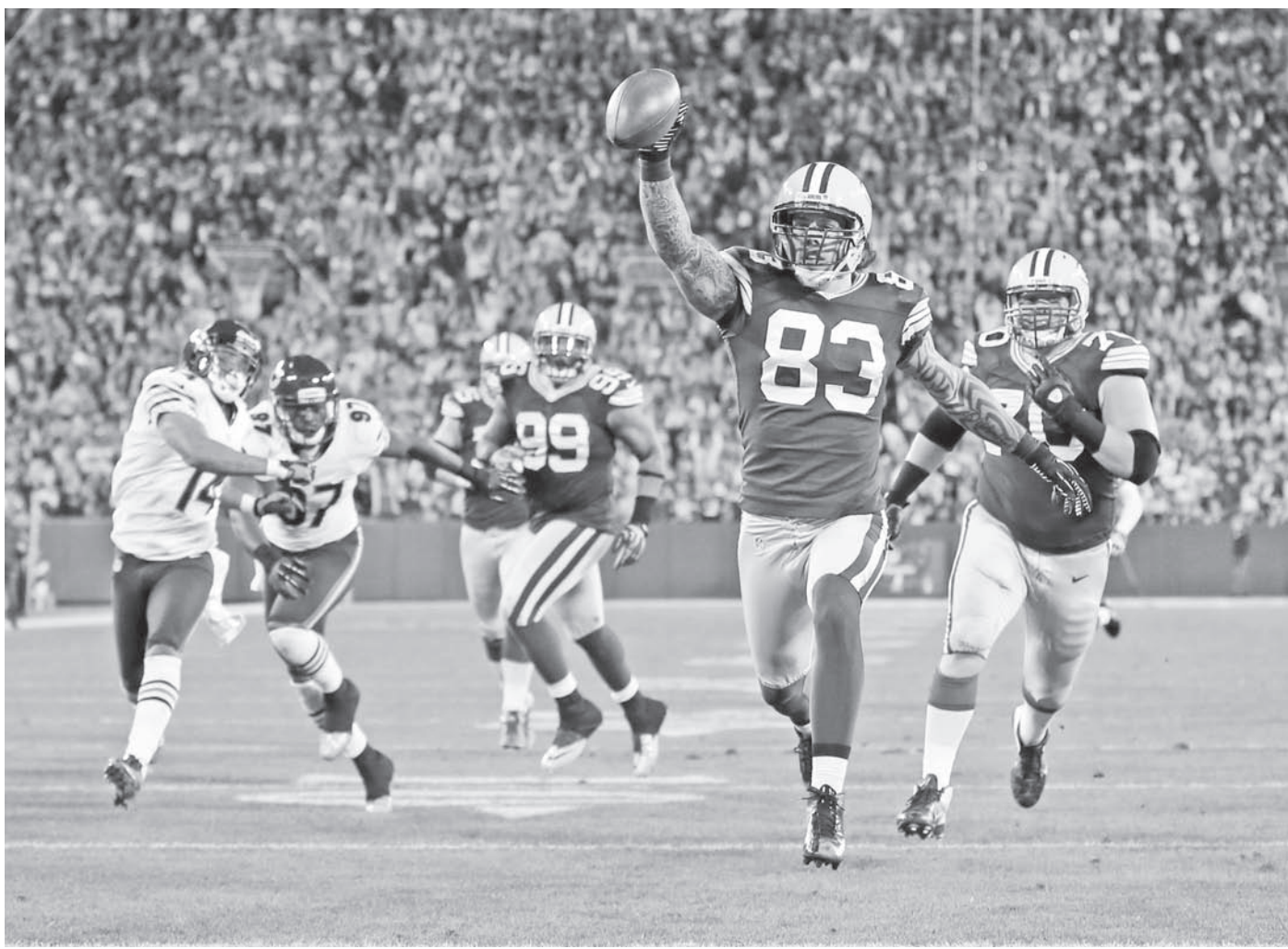
Especially Matthews, who was credited with 3 1/2 of the Packers' seven sacks of Cutler.

With six sacks in the Packers' first two games, Matthews already has equaled his total from last season.

"I think the statistics speak for themselves," Matthews said. "It's always good when you get after the quarterback, get him off his rhythm and have him throw some balls up there that I'm sure he wouldn't want, or wants back."

It was a significant step backward for the Bears (1-1), who were filled with confidence after steamrolling Indianapolis in their opener.

Cutler threw four interceptions to go with the seven sacks.



Green Bay Packers' Tom Crabtree (83) celebrates as he scores a touchdown on a pass from punter Tim Masthay during the first half of an NFL football game against the Chicago Bears Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, in Green Bay, Wis.

As frustration mounted, Cutler vented with emphatic gestures throughout the game, saying afterward it was simply a sign of his desire to win.

"I care about this," Cutler said. "This isn't a hobby for me. I am not doing this for my health. I am trying to win football games and get first downs. When we're not doing the little things or not doing things the right way consistently, I'm going to say something. If they want a quarterback that doesn't care, they can get somebody else."

Cutler was particularly upset with his offensive line, a position group that did not see a significant addition during the

Bears' offseason makeover of their offense.

"I'm not going to just walk to the sideline and act like everything's OK," said Cutler, who was 11 for 27 for 126 yards. "It's just not going to happen."

The loss left at least one prominent member of the Bears wondering if their Week 1 win was something of a mirage.

"Maybe we're not as good as we thought we were," linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "We've got a long ways to go, that's obvious. We didn't play like we did last week. Maybe Green Bay's just that good, I don't know. We just didn't play well and they played good enough to do what

they did to us."

The Bears also lost running back Matt Forte to an ankle injury. Bears coach Lovie Smith said the severity of the injury was unclear.

Smith was impressed by the Packers' rebound during a short turnaround.

"You've got to give them a lot of credit," he said. "They didn't play as well as they wanted to last week and they came back this week."

Smith acknowledged that his team looked "flat-footed" on the Packers' biggest play of the day, a gutsy and perfectly executed fake field goal when the Packers were facing fourth-and-26 on

the Chicago 27 late in the second quarter.

"Good call by them," Smith said. "They executed the play to perfection. What else can I say? Normally when a fake works it's a good job by the opponent, and that's what happened tonight."

The Packers lined up for a field goal, but punter Tim Masthay, the holder, flipped the ball to backup tight end Tom Crabtree, who streaked into the end zone.

"I had the easiest job of anybody," Masthay said. "All I'm doing is catching the snap, putting it down and flipping it to Tom. The rest of the guys were the ones doing the work. So, yeah, it was really cool."

Crabtree credited the Packers' blocking.

"It's not really on me," he said. "I think any of you could run that play. All I did was catch the ball and run a straight line. The guys did a great job blocking. Tim had a great pitch. Like I said, I just ran a straight line. That was about it."

Watching from the sideline, Rodgers at first thought something went wrong.

"I saw Crabby running out the back side, I couldn't believe it," Rodgers said. "That's a gutsy call. A gutsy call. You've got to score on that."

The Packers' defense did the rest, holding new Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall to two catches for 24 yards.

Earlier in the week, a confident Cutler wished the Packers' defensive backs "good luck" in trying to match up physically in man coverage with a new-look wide receiver corps led by Marshall. Stalked by Tramon Williams for much of the night, Marshall didn't see much of the ball. And he couldn't convert his one big opportunity, dropping a potential touchdown in the third quarter.

Charles Woodson said the Packers took note of Cutler's quote.

"It was everywhere," Woodson said. "You know how it is. Once you make a statement these days, it doesn't take long for it to travel and get to you."

Cutler shrugged off any potential fallout from his comment, noting that the Packers didn't play much man coverage.

"They didn't play man, so why would they say anything?" Cutler said.

In all, the Packers showed they're a better team than they appeared to be after Week 1.

"We got kicked in the (rear end) four days ago," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "And we were motivated."

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Brandon Roy had just wrapped up a lengthy workout with a spirited game of five-on-five and gathered with several of his new Minnesota Timberwolves teammates near halfcourt.

"Let's run it back," Roy said, with several others agreeing. "One more."

That's when Wolves assistant Shawn Respert stepped in, waving his arms and telling everyone that they were done for the day. A little more than two weeks away from the beginning of training camp, Roy's chronic knees are feeling great. And it's up to the Timberwolves coaching and medical staff to try to keep it that way.

"This is the best I've felt in a long time," Roy said Thursday. "The reason why I say that is I'm able to improve. I'm able to come in the gym and work on my game and get better. Where I felt that the last couple years

Wolves' Roy: 'So far I haven't had any setbacks'

in Portland I was just doing my best to maintain.

"That's the biggest thing I'm excited about is I'm in the gym, I'm working hard and coach has to tell me to stop playing instead of me saying, 'OK that's enough. I'm feeling my knees.'"

That's going to be the balancing act the Wolves perform with Roy, in training camp and in all likelihood for much of this season. The former Portland Trail Blazers All-Star had his contract cleared with the amnesty clause before last season, and he abruptly retired because of knee issues that derailed a brilliant young career.

After sitting out last season, Roy's knees felt good enough for him to come back. With the Timberwolves in search of a veteran presence at shooting guard for one of the young-

est teams in the league, they signed Roy to a two-year deal and now are working to get him prepared for the grind of camp and the long NBA season.

Roy has been in town since the start of September to make sure his son could start school here on time, and he's taken advantage of the early arrival to throw himself into workouts and establish a new routine aimed at minimizing the pain in his knees.

"I set a plan for myself going into the season and so far I haven't had any setbacks," Roy said.

Roy has been working primarily with Respert and David Adelman, as well as the strength and conditioning staff to get ready, and the coaches see Roy's approach as a breath of fresh air for a team that had

too many young players who didn't know what it takes to be successful in the NBA.

"We know we had a situation here last season where it was really difficult for guys to be self-starters," Respert said.

The team jettisoned Michael Beasley, Anthony Randolph and Darko Milicic in the offseason, bringing in Roy, Chase Budinger and Andrei Kirilenko to try to inject a little more maturity and professionalism into a young team with a core of Kevin Love, Ricky Rubio and Nikola Pekovic.

"With Brandon it's just a healthy attitude where he wants to see how much he can push himself to that limit before we have to shut him down and be smart about it," Respert said. "He's been spectacular so far as



far as the mentality, his toughness, his willingness to do what we ask him to do and still find that little bit of room to do a little bit more."

He spends about 30 minutes before each workout going through exercises to get ready, and he said he's lifting more weights than ever, as well.

"I try to come in early to build my quads, do some work on my calves. I'm going to have to do that for the rest of my career," Roy said. "That's just become normal to me. Nothing special. Just some weight room stuff, some different things to get my quads flaring and keep my joints loose."

Roy worked out on Thursday with Budinger, Pekovic, free agent Anthony Tolliver and several others who have been invited to training camp. Pek-

ovic has lost eight pounds and put on more muscle to his considerable frame and said that his recovery from offseason surgery to remove bone spurs in his right ankle is right on schedule.

"All this bothering that I got at the end of the season, it was really bad," Pekovic said. "I couldn't play like I was playing during the season so for now it's great. I hope it will stay like this all the time."

Tolliver is still waiting for a contract, either from the Wolves or another team. He spent the summer in Minnesota and hopes to return to the Timberwolves, especially after the addition of Roy and several other veterans to make the team a playoff contender.

"I think it's a good risk to take," Tolliver said of Roy. "Whenever you're dealing with someone at that level of talent, a lot of teams shy away from it. But I think they made a good decision."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**MLB STANDINGS****AMERICAN LEAGUE****East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	81	62	.566	—
New York	81	62	.566	—
Tampa Bay	77	66	.538	4
Toronto	65	77	.458	15 1/2
Boston	64	80	.444	17 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	76	66	.535	—
Detroit	75	67	.528	1
Kansas City	65	78	.455	11 1/2
Cleveland	60	84	.417	17
Minnesota	60	84	.417	17

West Division

Texas	85	58	.594	—
Oakland	82	61	.573	3
Los Angeles	78	66	.542	7 1/2
Seattle	69	75	.479	16 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE**East Division**

Washington	89	54	.622	—
Atlanta	81	63	.563	8 1/2
Philadelphia	72	72	.500	17 1/2
New York	65	78	.455	24
Miami	63	81	.438	26 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	87	57	.604	—
St. Louis	76	68	.528	11
Pittsburgh	72	70	.507	14
Milwaukee	72	71	.503	14 1/2
Chicago	56	87	.392	30 1/2
Houston	46	98	.319	41

West Division

San Francisco	81	62	.566	—
Los Angeles	74	70	.514	7 1/2
Arizona	71	72	.497	10
San Diego	69	75	.479	12 1/2
Colorado	57	85	.401	23 1/2

NFL STANDINGS**AMERICAN CONFERENCE****East**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	48	28
New England	1	0	0	1.000	34	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	30
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	28	48

South

Houston	1	0	0	1.000	30	10
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	26
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	41
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	34

North

Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	44	13
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	19	31
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	13	44

West

San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	22	14
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	19
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	40
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	14	22

NATIONAL CONFERENCE**East**

Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	40	32
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	24

South

Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	40	24
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	32	40
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	16

North

Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	26	23
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	40
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	51	44

West

Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	22
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	16	20

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with the IT&E Incredibles (69-51) who dropped a 7-8 upset at home in Oceanside Bar & Grill to Poseidon's Crazy 8 (48-72); and the 19th Hole's Titans I (43-77) logged a much-needed 8-7 home win over Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers (57-63).

Then on Thursday, Titans II evaded Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (56-64), 8-7, at home to keep its hold on first place in the Thursday division with a 73-47 card, but Bammy's Equalizers (72-48) put together a 9-6 home win over 19th Hole's Eagles (41-79) to pull within one game of the lead.

Last of all, Waterfront's third-ranked Eight It! (67-53) went into Jonny's Bar & Grill and bested Team SCS (41-79), 8-7,

Mafia is still the boss in SEDA A Division

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Oceanside Bar & Grill's Mafia is still calling the shots in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's A Division after the conclusion of last week's 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Dart League matches.

In addition, Jonny's Bar & Grill's DPL Sakude III, Jonny's Try Luck, and Oceanside's Triple Threat maintained their hold over their respective Inter-Government, Ladies, and Tuesday B League fields.

Mafia roughed up its little brother Bud Brothers (49-53) in a home draw, 13-4, on Monday to improve to 69-33.

Mafia is embracing a stout 14-game lead over SOS Bar & Grill's second place Outlawz (55-47) who worked out an 11-6 home win over Sand's Bar's Juvy Predators (44-58), while Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Sabalu Boys (47-55) enjoyed an 11-6, road win over SOS' 101 Proofers (43-59); SOS' third place Mixblood Shooters (50-52) were on a bye.

Notably, 101 Proofers' Rolly Bermiso recorded a 160 High Out on Monday to go with his league mark 131 High Out from earlier in the season.

Last Friday, DPL Sakude III bumped Bammy's Team CUC



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Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Hafa Mas shut out Juvy Aschoasho, 15-0, and nosed into the lead of SEDA's Bud Light C-division standings after conclusion of last Wednesday's weekly pairings.

(41-34) down to third place with a strong 11-4 road victory that extended its lead in the Inter-Government Division to seven games. DPL Sakude III boasts of a 52-24 card.

Naked Fish Bar & Grill's CRMO Primos (44-31) came away in the second chair after

surviving SOS' DPS Bad Boys (32-43) at home; Naked Fish bottom feeder NMC Proa (12-48) was on a bye.

Notables remain a 158 High In by NMC Proa's Odin Garces and a 113 High Out by CRMO Primos Jayson John.

Back on Monday, two-time

defending champions Try Luck laid down the law on Oceanside's G-Side Shooters (35-70) in the form of a 15-0 shutout on the road to beef up its card to 82-23.

The team extended its reign over the Ladies League to eight games as all Top 3 contenders

more points in the third quarter as the score began to get out of hand, 52-34, heading into the last 10 minutes of regulation.

Hi-5 did some good things against Proa's bench players, but the latter never had a doubt.

Faisao's 20 points controlled the match, while Hi-5's Feria came away with a cool 15 under fire.

pulled further away from the pack this week.

Bammy's Momes'1 Mei (74-31) went into Naked Fish and toppled the Man Amigas (49-56), 10-5, to secure a solid grip on second place, while Es'y Kitchen's third-ranked B-52 Shooters (64-41) peppered SOS' Wonder Women (42-63), 13-2, at home.

In addition, Joe's Steakhouse's Just Like That (48-57) climbed a spot to fifth in the standings after its 11-4 home rout over its sister-squad Daffodils (26-79).

Notables remain a 160 High In by Momes'1 Mei's Frances Magofna and a 152 High Out by teammate Sally Aguon.

On Tuesday, Triple Threat bested VFW Post 3457's third-ranked Delubyo (60-45), 9-6, to improve to a 76-29 slate.

Naked Fish's Na'Gupu II (67-38) gained some ground in second place after trampling Oceanside-caboos Wreckless Precision (26-79), 12-3, at home, but still trails the front-runner by nine games.

Meanwhile, The Waterfront's K-1 Scorpions (40-65) pulled out a nice 9-6 road upset over Oceanside's Good Guyz (46-59), and SOS' Dartaholiks (57-48) snuck past sister squad Seabridge 80 Proofers (48-57), 8-7, in a home draw.

Notables remain a 150 High In by K-1 Scorpions' Anson Jones and a 100 High Out by Triple Threat's George Medina.

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row morning with a tripleheader at the Ada Gym starting at 9am.

U16's defending champions Proa cuts the ribbon with RBC's Rollers 1 in a finals rematch to start the games. Then Hi-5 tips off against Rollers 2 at 10:15am followed by D-South versus

Rollers 3 at 11:30am. Six teams make up the division.

On Thursday, Faisao could not wait to get on the court and tallied a quick 11 points in the first quarter that helped build a 17-10 lead for Proa after the opening period.

Proa then fed the ball down to Mettao in the second quarter and he delivered 8 markers that was complemented by a couple

of buckets by Ankie Manalili and Jason Palacios.

Hi-5's Emerson Feria tried to get things going for his team in the second quarter, but he and everyone else had their hands full on the defensive end as Proa's line change pulled away, 35-21, at halftime.

Faisao then returned after the break and streaked inside for 10

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fight that will reward Pacquiao with over \$25 million, including pay-per-view share.

According to Gacal, Pacquiao will be leaving with the cast of his "Manny Many Prizes" show on GMA 7 which will stage an episode in Los Angeles.

The only seven-division world champion will then head to Las Vegas to sign the fight contract and attend the press conference

formally announcing Pacquiao-Marquez IV on Tuesday.

This will be Pacquiao's first fight since absorbing a shocking, highly unpopular split decision loss in his defense of the World Boxing Organization welterweight crown to Timothy Bradley on June 9, also at the MGM Grand.

Though Arum balked at announcing that it's a done deal for Pacquiao-Marquez IV, he admitted that "it's certainly going in that direction."

The 39-year-old Marquez, a four-division world champion noted for his counterpunching skills, held his own against Pacquiao in their previous encounters.

In 2004, Marquez recovered from three first-round knockdowns to forge a controversial draw with Pacquiao.

Four years later, they fought again with Pacquiao eking out a disputed split decision, anchored mainly on a third-round knockdown of Marquez.

They waged another close battle in 2011 with the more aggressive Pacquiao gaining a majority decision.

Marquez has claimed that he won all three fights.

Though he has a rematch option with Bradley, Pacquiao decided to strike off the flamboyant American because of the weak PPV sales of their bout.

Team Pacquiao also felt that there's nothing more to prove as the worldwide perception—including the scoring by a

five-judge panel created by the WBO to review the tape of the bout—clearly gave the fight to the fighting congressman.

Another prime candidate, Puerto Rican Miguel Cotto opted to take on World Boxing Association light middleweight champion Austin Trout, instead on Dec. 1.

While chief rival Floyd Mayweather Jr. remains an option for Pacquiao, that fight, if it pushes through, will have to wait until next year.

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participants signed up for the contest and registration will remain open until Wednesday, Sept. 19. The entrance fee is set at \$25.

Competing categories include Male Bodybuilding's junior, open and master divisions; Male Physique's open and master divisions; as well as the Female Open Body Figure and Open Bikini categories.

The overall male and female champions will be presented with trophies, while medals will

be awarded to the Top 3 finishers of each category, except for the Male Physique and Female Bikini categories, which will recognize the Top 5 placers.

Last year, Juan Santiago and Yumiko Kawahara were hailed as the overall male and female champions. Santiago also took first prize in the Male Bodybuilder (middleweight) grouping.

Other winners included Bikini and Female Figure (tall) winner Jamriang Frieden; Male Physique winner Raymond Santos; and Male Bodybuilder (lightweight) winner Gayan Perera.

Gold's Gym, Megabyte, IP&E-Shell, Subway, Power 99, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Rozell Printing, Island Prints, and Island Rebel are sponsoring the event.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for \$15 at Gold's Gym, Megabyte, or at the front door on the night of the event.

Terms and conditions are sub-

ject to change without notice; the show starts at 7pm.

For more information, call 285-6112, 788-9720, or email dianemmc1@yahoo.com.

Activity Schedule for Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012

Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League 2nd Season

4:00 PM:	Shirley's Coffee Shop vs. JP Centre
5:30 PM:	Kanoa Resort vs. POI
8:00 PM:	Fiesta Resort vs. CTSI



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Proa rumbles past Hi-5 in U20

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Proa's U20 age division squad opened its Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League season with a strong 61-47 victory over Hi-5 last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The team added Kagman's Ichitaro Faisao, Frank Mettao, and Mike Taia-tano to beef up its roster this season and so far, so good as everybody debuted in good form across the board.

As for Hi-5, its chemistry is still coming together. They committed a lot of little mistakes and missed a few easy baskets, but it should be no problem cleaning up in those areas once they get a few games in the books.

The U20 season continues at the Ada Gym on Monday at 5:30pm with the Chalan Kanoa Saints starting up its season against the Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 1 (0-1).

In addition, the Rotary Club caging's U16 age division opens its season tomorrow.



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Proa's John Capuyon drives baseline against a Hi-5 defender in the U20 Rotary caging Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Dee Clayton
bodybuilding
championships
set for Sept. 29

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Saipan's Dee Clayton is putting together the sophomore episode of the Mariana Islands Bodybuilding Championships on Sept. 29 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

"The purpose of the event is to promote fitness sports on Saipan and offer such athletes with something to look forward to for sticking to their workout routines," said Clayton over the phone on Tuesday.

Clayton is a resident of Saipan who began getting involved in fitness competitions back in 1997.

She has won medals in the Pacific Games, Guam's Kontenda Classic, and has appeared in the Sting Ray Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii.

She was turned on to the sport by Saipan Fitness Center's Jim Rice and has since dedicated herself to promoting the sport to the CNMI, especially to women as last year's event was the very first fitness competition on Saipan to feature women's categories.

So far, there are 13 confirmed
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Joe's Steakhouse's Docomo Pacific-Home Boyz, seen here in a file photo, defeated Yuichiro's Printing, 11-4, in a road match at Oceanside Bar & Grill last Tuesday to earn a share of third place in the SBA 2012 Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League standings.

Blue Ice Hustlers move into 1st place in Tuesday division

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The Blue Ice Hustlers, out of Utopia Sports Bar, bumped SOS Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers (72-48) out of first place in the Saipan Billiards Association's Tuesday division standings with a 10-5 road victory that highlighted this week's 2012 Budweiser Open 8-Ball League season matchups.

Meanwhile, 19th Hole Bar's Ti-

tans II kept a grip on the steering wheel in SBA's Bud Light Thursday grouping.

The Blue Ice Hustlers improved its win-loss record to 74-46 and holds a two-game edge in the Tuesday standings over its rival.

In other results, Joe's Steakhouse's Docomo Pacific Home Boyz (69-51) romped over Yuichiro's Printing (48-72), 11-4, in a road match held at Poseidon Bar & Grill to grab a share of third place

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Pacman-Marquez IV is it

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The Manny Pacquiao-Juan Manuel Marquez fight saga continues.

Pacquiao will leave for Los Angeles tonight to sign the deal that would pave the way for Pacquiao-Marquez IV on Dec. 8 at the MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas.

"Manny has chosen Marquez (to be

» A done deal, says top aide as Pacquiao leaves tonight

his next foe)," lawyer Jeng Gacal, Pacquiao's chief of staff, confirmed yesterday in the wake of reports emanating from the United States that the Mexican legend has already signed for the megabuck bout.

Promoter Bob Arum told the AP Tuesday (Wednesday in Manila) that final negotiations with Pacquiao adviser Michael Koncz were scheduled on Wednesday (Thursday in Manila).

The same report stated that a press conference is scheduled in Los Angeles on Tuesday to formally announce the
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If plans don't miscarry Manny Pacquiao will take on Juan Manuel Marquez on Dec. 8 at the MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas.

AP